

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION AND CANDLELIGHT
Thursday, December 24, 2015
Six O'Clock

** Please stand, as you are able.
Congregational responses are in **boldface**.*

GATHERING

* GREETING

Jesus Christ is born!

O come, let us adore him!

*HYMN 234 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Miraculous God, May we see You, know You and be
united with You again this Christmastime. May our lives
be changed by Your miraculous love, and may we**

**become part of Your miraculous salvation. Now and
always. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Gerald & Ann DeLoach

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Brass Ensemble

*HYMN 240

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

SERMON

*A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor concludes the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Chancel Choir

Claire Fermin,

Samuel Powers, soloists

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for allowing us to share in this feast as your family and to be fed with the bread of heaven; give us grace that we all may grow in love, glorifying you in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*LIGHTING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CANDLES

At this time, we will light our candles and sing "Silent Night, Holy Night."

*SENDING FORTH

Gratitude and thanks to the Chancel Choir for their invaluable contributions to tonight's celebration

Participants in Tonight's Gathering:

Rev. Dale Thornton	Pastor, Organist
Rev. Don Corbit	Worship Leader, Guitarist
Jeremy Fermin	Director, Music Ministries
Rodney Powers	Piano
Claire Fermin	Soloist
Samuel Powers	Soloist
Stephanie McIntyre	Violin
Bryan Agan	Trumpet
Paul Sohayda	Trumpet
Kris Whitman	Trumpet
Rachael Miller	Horn
Emily Wilder	Horn
Timothy Pounds	Trombone
Jason Long	Euphonium
Stacie Long	Euphonium
Anthony Broadnax, Jr.	Tuba
Kelvin Conyers	Percussion
Deante Roberson	Percussion

And gratitude and thanks to the Worship Team, the Communion Stewards, the Ushers, and Readers for their invaluable contributions to tonight's celebration!



