

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. In the poverty of the stable where Jesus was born, and by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

#### **The Lighting of the Light of Christ**

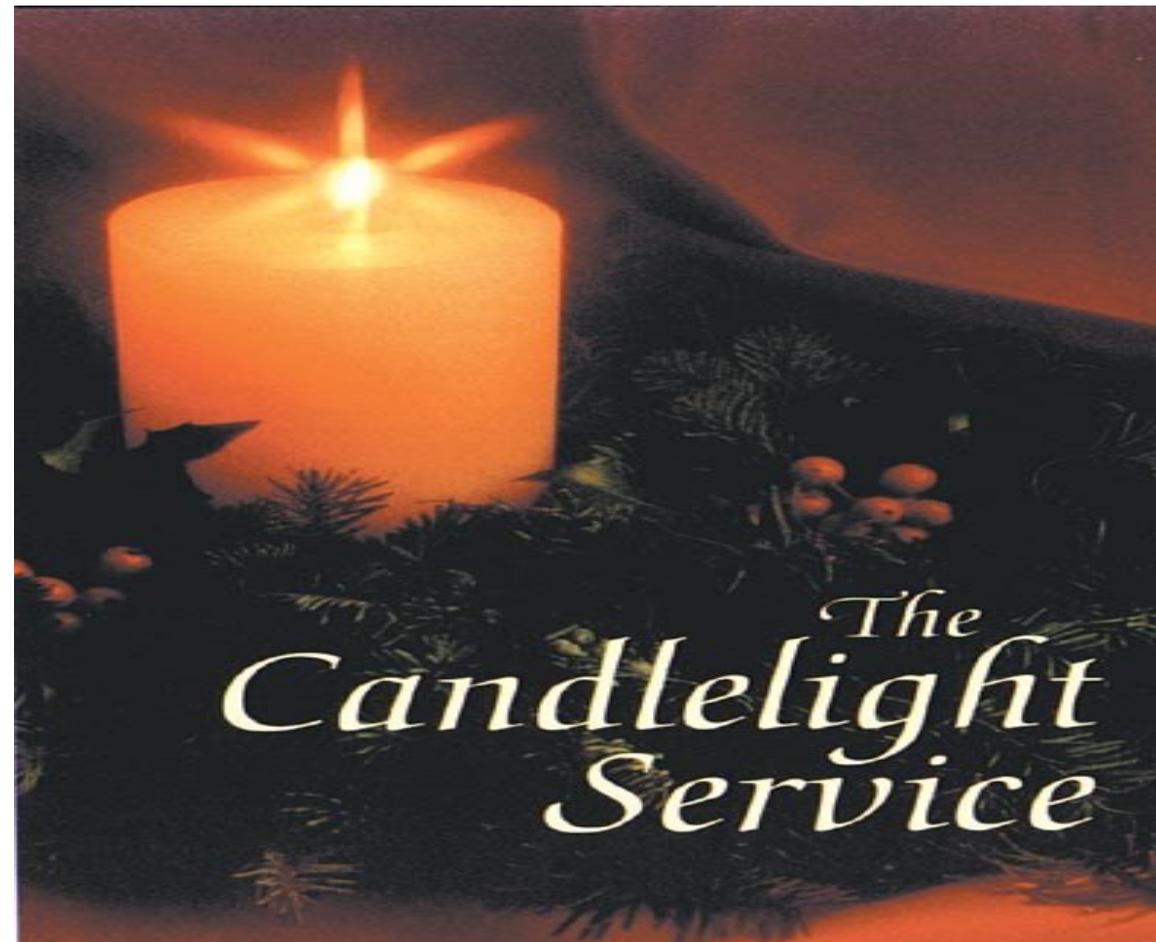
**\*Hymn**

*Silent Night, Holy Night*  
(Hold up light at last verse)

vs 1-3 #UMH 239

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**



*St. Paul's Waccamaw*

*United Methodist Church*

*December 24, 2021*

**Order of Worship for Christmas Eve  
5:00 p.m.**

**Welcome**

**Video:** That He Gave

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* vs 1,2,4 #UMH 230

1st Candle—Hope Joe and Shirley Mayhew

Leader: Isaiah 53:1-4

**Group: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, And by his wounds we are healed.**

2nd Candle—Love

Leader: Luke 1:34-37

**Group: "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."**

3rd Candle—Joy

Leader: Luke 2:1-7a

**Group: She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.**

4th Candle—Peace

Leader: Luke 2:8-14

**Group: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."**

5th Candle—Christ

Leader: John 1:1-13

**Group: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**Prayer for Christmas**

**First Scripture Reading** Isaiah 9:2-7 Karen Sinkway

**Christmas Offerings**

**Offertory** *Mary Did You Know?* - arr. Lowry/Greene Chancel Choir

**\*The Doxology**

**\*Sermon Text** Luke 2:1-14

**\*Hymn** *Away in a Manger* vs 1-3 #UMH 217

**Homily** Let There Be Peace On Earth Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Phillips

**Special Music** *His Name is Wonderful* Tomlin  
McKinley Devilbiss and Olivia Huggins

**Celebration of Holy Communion** John and Leah Gutekunst  
(Please take a light from the basket after you have taken communion.)

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**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. In the fullness of time you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior, and at his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth. 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!**