

# NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • CHRISTMAS EVE  
December 24, 2022 - 7:30 p.m.

Words of Welcome

Rev. Amanda Horan

## WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

Casarez/Franklin Family

One: We have watched; we have waited  
... in hope. ... for peace. ... in joy! ... with love.

**Many: Now our redemption draws near!**

One: Hear the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 9:2-7:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Sung Response (Greensleeves)**

Lyrics by Elana Keppel Levy  
*The Holy Fire of Advent, v. 5*

*The child is here, the mystery of God who walks beside us.  
From start of time to end divine, Christ's always there to guide us.  
Born, born in every soul his mercy making our wounds whole.  
Christ comes to earth again, the holy fire of Advent*

One: Glory to God in the highest!

Many: Alleluia! Amen!

**\*Hymn (#134)**

*Joy to the World*

**WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE**

**\*Call to Confession**

Rev. R.C. Griffin

**\*Prayer of Confession (#123, v.3)**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;  
Beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;  
And we at war on earth hear not the tidings that they bring;  
O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the angels sing!*

**\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: Hear this good news of great joy:  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

**\*Share a Sign of Christ's Peace**

**\*Congregational Response (#113)**

*Angels We Have Heard on High, Refrain*

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Christmas Story**

**Luke 2:1-20**

*(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)*

**Meditation**

Rev. Amanda Horan

**WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH**

**\*Affirmation of Faith (#110)**

*Love Has Come*

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**\*Invitation**

**One:** A child is born for us in Bethlehem,  
wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger;

*Luke 2:12*

**All:** and he will be our Shephard,  
feeding his flock in the strength of the Lord.

*Mic. 5:4*

**\*Sung Response (#133)**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful, v. 1*

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

**One:** The Lord be with you.

**Many:** And also with you.

**One:** Lift up your hearts.

**Many:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**One:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**One:** It is good to give you thanks, O God...

... Your Word in flesh appearing.

**Sung Response (#133)**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful, v. 2*

One: Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son...  
... all creation in joyful praise to you singing:

**Sung Response (#133)**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful, v. 3*

One: And so, O God, come among us tonight... Amen.

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer of Gratitude**

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**\*The Candle Lighting Service**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

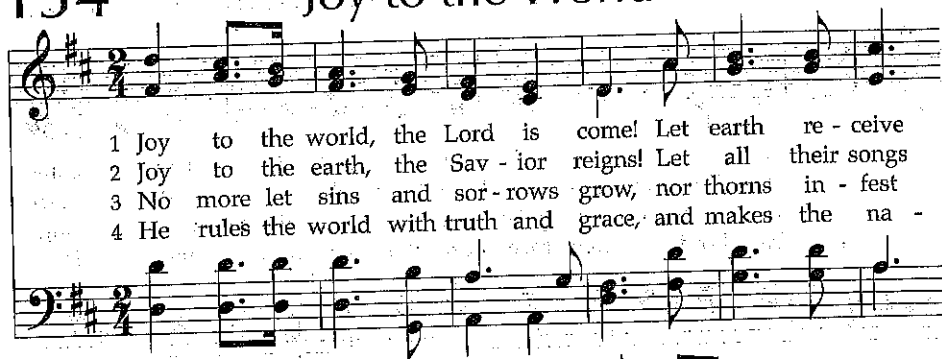
**\*Candle Lighting Hymn (#122)**

*Silent Night, Holy Night!*

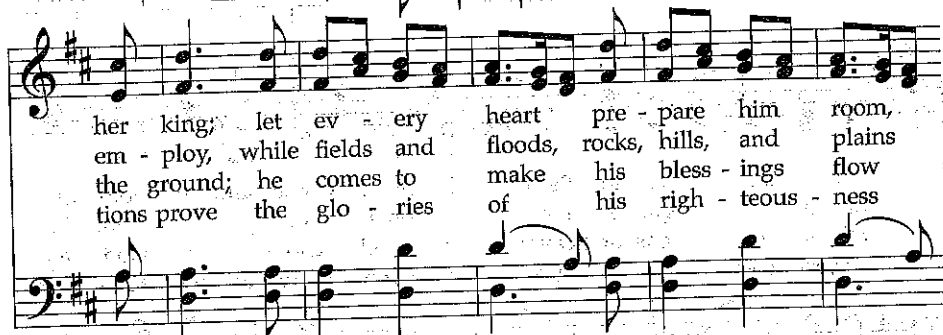
**\*Please rise, in body or spirit.**



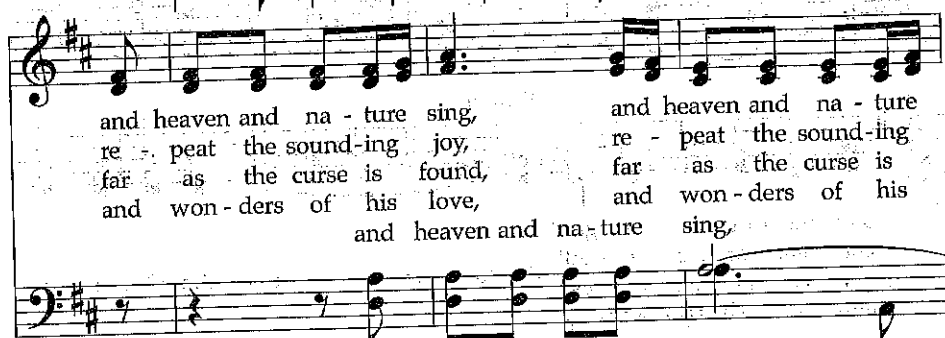
## Joy to the World



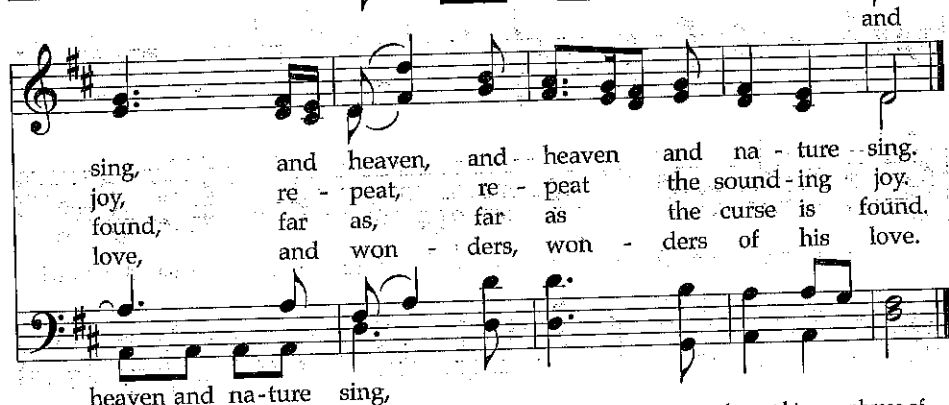
1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -



her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness



and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,



and  
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture - sing,  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy,  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found,  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
 heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

## Love Has Come

110

Capo 3: (D)

(Bm7)

(Em7)

(A)

F

Dm7

Gm7

C



1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D)

(Bm7)

(Em)

(A7)

(D)

F

Dm7

Gm

C7

F



Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all  
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the  
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A)

(D)

(Bm)

(D)

(A)

(G)

(D)

C

F

Dm

F

C

Bb

F



heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of  
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her  
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7)

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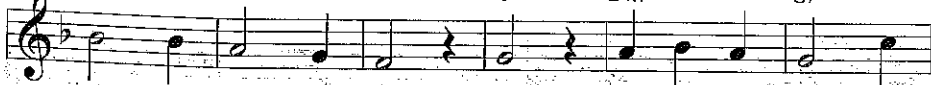
A7

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joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a  
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she  
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D)

(A)

(G)

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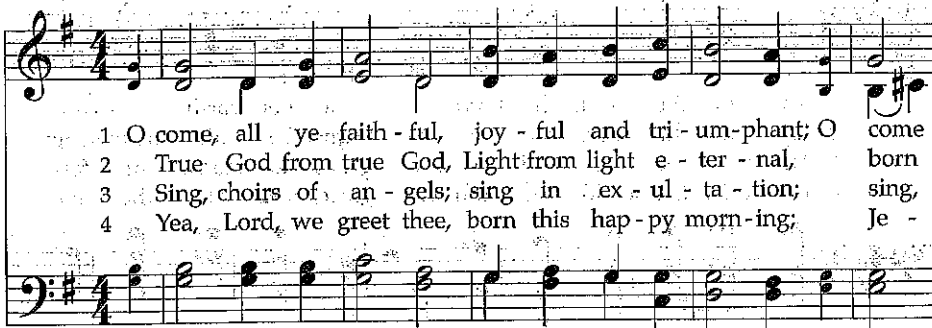


Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.  
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

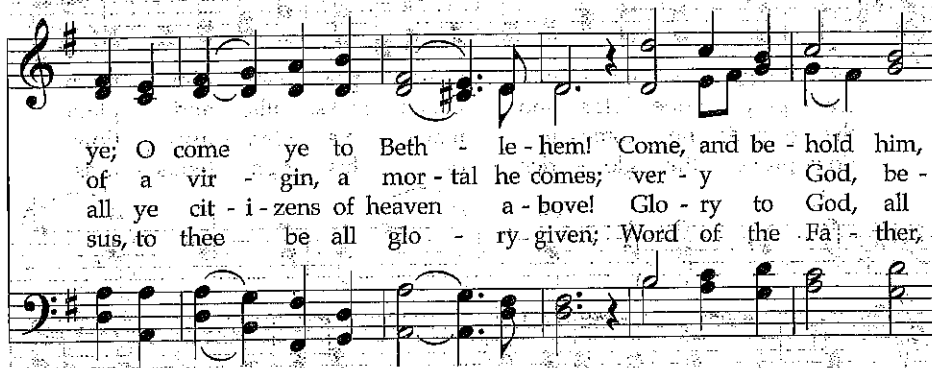
Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

133



1 O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phante; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e-ter-nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an-gels; sing in ex-ul-ta-tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing; Je-



ye; O come ye to Beth-le-hem! Come, and be-hold him,  
 of a vir-gin, a mor-tal he comes; ver-y God, be-  
 all ye cit-i-zens of heaven a-bove! Glo-ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo-ry-given; Word of the Fa-ther,

*Refrain*



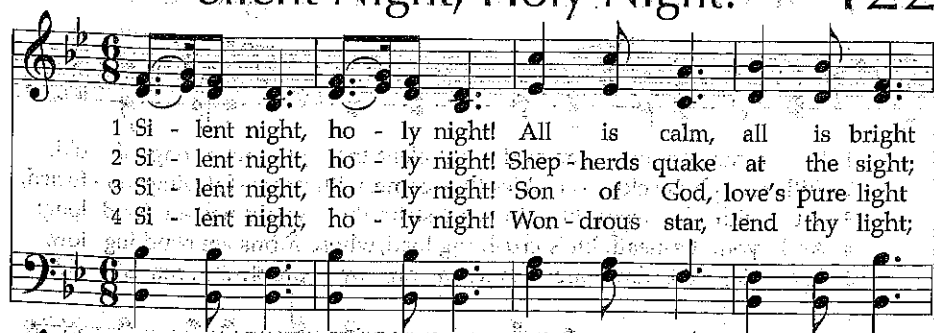
born the King of an-gels!  
 got-ten, not cre-at-ed! O come, let us a-dore him; O come, let  
 glo-ry in the high-est!  
 now in flesh ap-pear-ing!



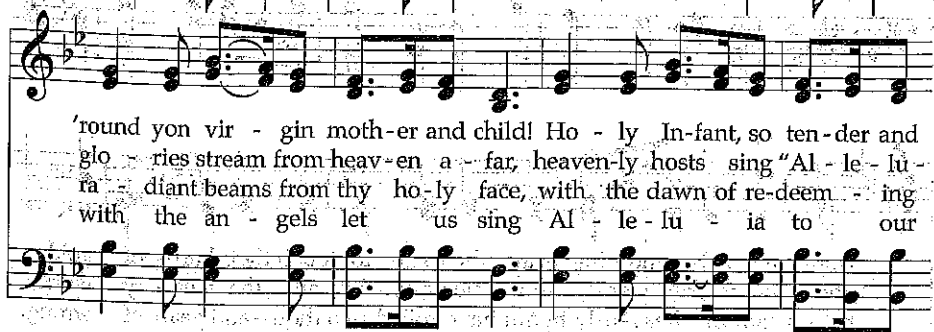
us a-dore him; O come, let us a-dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

# Silent Night, Holy Night! 122



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;



'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and  
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -  
 ra - - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing  
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our



mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

## GERMAN

1 Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
 nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.  
 Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
 schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,  
 schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

## KOREAN

1 고요한밤 거룩한밤  
 어둠에 묻힌밤  
 주의부모 앉아서  
 감시기도 드릴때  
 아기잘도 잔다  
 아기잘도 잔다

## SPANISH

1 ¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!  
 Todo duerme en derredor,  
 entre los astros que esparcen su luz,  
 bella, anunciando al niñito Jesús,  
 brilla la estrella de paz,  
 brilla la estrella de paz.

The tradition that this carol's tune was created for guitar accompaniment at its first singing on Christmas Eve 1818 seems reliable, though a recent find shows that the text was about two years old. But there is no question that this is now a favorite Christmas carol worldwide.



**Memorial Poinsettias**  
**Poinsettias in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of:**

*Sarah Absher by Libby and Len Brooks*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Brooks, Sr. by The Brooks Family*  
*Grant & Jessie Rhodes by Ed & Barbara Gregory*  
*Richard & Brattie Gregory by Ed & Barbara Gregory*

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*Kathryn Henderson, Fritz Henderson Jr., Helen H. Simmons,*  
*Louie Henderson & Vernon Henderson by Jo Henderson*  
*Eleanor Pilcher by Andy, Joanna, Forrest & River Steele*  
*Bob Powell and Stephen Powell given by Betty Powell*

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*Patsy Mathis & Archie Mathis by Beckie Mathis*  
*Philip Keener by Mary Keener*  
*Carolina Finley by Harry & Jean Page*  
*Stan Sanders by The Joyners & Anna Jo Patton*

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*Jim & Jane Nourse by Karen & William Watts*  
*Sarah Elizabeth & Bill Watts by Karen & William Watts*  
*Mike Coward by Jerrie Peters*  
*Clyde Lackhart by Helen Lackhart & Robin Staley*  
*Bob Thompson by Gary & Susan Cogdill*

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*Mamie & Bill Whisenant by Mary & Mark Herrick*  
*Our Parents by Randy & Carol Bennett*  
*Julie Brady by her parents Jerry & Marty Moore*  
*Helen & Bill Tomlinson, Ann McNeill & Gene McNeill*  
*By Marla & Rick McNeill*

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*Bob Thompson by Betty Thompson, Robin & Barbara England,*  
*Cole and Zeb Wright, Candyce Collard, Phyllis Thompson and David Wood*  
*John & Becky Hubbard, Ted & Ann Czerkawski,*  
*John Hubbard Jr., by The Czerkawski Family*  
*John & Polly Steele by Jack & Kathryn Steele*

## *Memorial Poinsettias (cont.)*

*Brenda Hall-Cashion by Linda & Gerald Lankford*  
*Frances & Claude Hall by Linda & Gerald Lankford*  
*Karen Hall Parsons & Jacquelyn Hall by Ted M. Hall*  
*Penny Musson by The Musson Family*

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*Dolly Holsclaw & Sam Johnson by Tamara Johnson*  
*Jackie Hall, Beckie Hubbard & Patsy Marie Mathis by Lena Lovette*  
*John Calvin Wyatt & Clara Pardue Wyatt, William & Phyllis Piper,*  
*and Lisa Foster Wyatt by John & Jenny Wyatt*  
*Liliana & Walter Herrick by Mary & Mark Herrick*

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*Mr. H.M. (Skip) Parker & Mr. W.C. (Bill) Pace by Mike and Chris Atwood*  
*Wendell Edgerton by Margie Edgerton*  
*Becky Hubbard by Margie Edgerton*

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*Poinsettias in the sanctuary are given in honor of:*

*Betty Thompson & Barbara England by Ed & Barbara Gregory*  
*Martha Nichols by Betty Powell*  
*Our Children, Grandchildren & Great Granddaughter by Harry & Jean Page*  
*Betty R. Thompson by Robin & Barbara England, Zeb & Cole Wright,*  
*Candyce Collard, Phyllis Thompson and David Wood*

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*Anna Jo Patton by Jerrie Peters*  
*Betty Thompson by Gary & Susan Cogdill*  
*Drew, Kim & Easton by Randy & Carol Bennett*  
*Our Family by Richard & Mamie Collier*

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*My Parents by Sharilyn Owens*  
*Our 8 Grandchildren by Linda & Gerald Lankford*  
*Paige Hall Smith by Ted M. Hall*  
*Rob Evans by The Musson Family*

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