

The Greeting

Rev Michael T. Brown

Prelude

The Hatfield Quartet

*A Christmas Eve Litany

Leader: The impossible is about to happen in a stable.

People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Leader: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,

People: On them has the light shined!

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Amen!

*Carol #234

ADESTE FIDELES

“O Come All Ye Faithful” (sts. 1-4, 6)

*Opening Prayer

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Jay and Dotty Porter Family

(See Insert)

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our minds and hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear and rejoice in the gospel of our Savior’s birth, told in story and song this night. Amen.

*Carol #224 IN DULCI JUBILO
 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

The Second Lesson Titus 2:11-14 Brayden Davis, Reader
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering Cindy Coppage
 “Mary, Did You Know”

The Gospel Lesson Luke 2:1-20 Kaitlyn Thigpen, Reader
 The Gospel of the Lord.
All praise to you, Lord Christ.

Christmas Homily The Reverend Michael T. Brown
 “Good News!”

Musical Offering George Fesperman
 “O Holy Night”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
 Invitation, Confession, and Pardon p.12
 The Great Thanksgiving pp. 15-16
 The Lord’s Prayer
 Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Music During Communion by The Hatfield Quartet
 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. Send us
 out into the world rejoicing, ready to share your
 love with the people we meet, through the peace
 of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Lighting of Candles

*Candlelight Carol

STILLE NACHT

“Silent Night, Holy Night” (sts.1-3)

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face
with dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*Dismissal with Blessing

**Please stand as you are able.*



CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**WAYCROSS FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
DECEMBER 24, 2020
5:00 P.M.**