

*Christmas Eve Service*  
*Laurinburg Presbyterian Church*  
*Midnight Candlelight Service*  
*December 24, 2023*

**Call to Worship** Rev. Bob Button

**Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn #106** *"Prepare the Way, O Zion"* vs. 1,2,3

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 7:14 Alex Bryant

**Hymn #82** *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* vs. 1 & 2

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 9:1-7 Pastor John Stanley

**Hymn #88** *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* vs. 1 & 7

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 40:1-5 Alex Bryant

**Hymn 87** *"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"* vs. 1 & 2

**Old Testament Lesson** Micah 5:2 Pastor John Stanley

**Hymn #121** *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* vs. 1,2 & 4

**Solo** *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* Stuart Carmichael

**New Testament Lesson** Matthew 1:18-24 Rev. Bob Button

**Hymn #146** *"Gentle Mary Laid her Child"* vs. 1,2 & 3

**New Testament Lesson** Matthew 2:1-12 Pastor John Stanley

**Hymn #151** *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"* vs. 1 & 5

**New Testament Lesson** Luke 2:1-7 Alex Bryant

**Hymn #115** *"Away in a Manger"* vs. 1,2 & 3

**New Testament Lesson** Luke 2:8-20 Pastor John Stanley

**Hymn #118** *"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"* vs. 1 & 6

**New Testament Lesson** John 1:1-5 Rev. Bob Button

**Meditation** "The Power of Light"

**A Christmas Prayer**

Eternal God, we pause at the end of this day to remember that you came into this world as a baby, just like each of us came into this world. We are aware of the fact that with your advent everything changed. You brought light into our dark world. You spoke truth to the powers of this world. You demonstrated a way of life that treated all mankind with love and grace. As we celebrate your birth once again, remind us that we must be as gentle as a babe, as kind as the angels in heaven and as loving as a mother with her child. Grant that we will have a glimpse of You through the life and ministry of Jesus who came as a child and rose from the dead to save us all. We pray in His name. Amen.

**Lighting the Candles**

**Hymn** *"Silent Night, Holy Night"* (printed on back of bulletin)

As we move to form a circle around the sanctuary, let us pass the light from the Christ Candle from one person to the next, until all present are illuminated with the soft glow of Christ.

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*Silent Night, Holy Night*

*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 the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light,  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*



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