

*Christmas Eve Service
Laurinburg Presbyterian Church
December 24, 2024
5:30pm*

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.*



*Rev. Rebekah Carpenter, Senior Pastor
Holly Albrecht, Director of Christian Education
Dr. José Rivera, Director of Music
Lee Harris, Organist
Alex Bryant, Seminary Student*

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Welcome Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

Prelude “In the Bleak Midwinter” by Albin Whitworth

Lighting of the Christ Candle Emma and Jack Herr

*Call to Worship Daniel Caudill

Leader: In this silent night,

All We ponder your mystery with Mary and Joseph.

Leader: On this holy night,

All: We come with the shepherds to worship.

Leader: On this night of joy for the world,

All We sing praises with choirs of angels.

Leader: In the darkness of this night,

All: We celebrate the Light of the World.

*Invocation Drew Hamilton

Prayer of Confession Jackson Purcell

In confidence of your loving kindness, we confess to you our sins:

God of grace and mercy, you give us the greatest gift of all, your Son Jesus, but we confess we get caught up in our own gift giving on this holy night. You offer us new life in the babe of Bethlehem, but we smile at the baby and forget the new direction he offers.

Jesus was born in human flesh, but we fail to see the dignity in the human lives around us. Forgive us, O God, and help us cherish the meaning in your gifts of wonder in the Christ Child.

Assurance of Pardon Jackson Purcell

Time With Children Holly Albrecht

*Hymn # 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Scripture Jennings Dean

“Christmas Miracles” Alex Bryant & Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

The Communion

Invitation

The Words of Institution

Prayer After Communion

Special Music “O Holy Night” Adolphe Adam

Rev. Rebekah Carpenter, solo

*Hymn # 122 “Silent Night, Holy Night!”

The words for this carol are printed on the back of the bulletin.

Ushers will light candles on the aisles. Please pass the light along your row.

Charge and Benediction Rev. Rebekah Carpenter

(Why we sit for the Postlude: We have been blessed with wonderful organists over the years, so it has become a tradition at Laurinburg Presbyterian to remain seated for the Postlude and continue to worship and listen for God through music. If you need to leave before it ends, please exit reverently.)

Postlude “Silent Night, Holy Night!” arr. by John Williams

*Those who are able are requested to stand