

# St. John's Christian Church



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Live Stream

Thursday, December 24, 2020 † 7:00PM

*"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"*

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## Christmas Eve Live Stream Service

Ringling of the Carillon Bells

“T’was the Night Before Christmas - A Visit from Christ”

Scripture Reading of Isaiah 9:6-7 & Christmas Eve Prayer

Prelude - Emma Nafziger “Silent Night”

Nativity Scene - The Christ Child

Handbell Choir “On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing”

Carol #132, verses 1 & 3, “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Special Music - Scott Reeb “Worship the King”

Advent Wreath The Christ Candle  
Matt, Kim, Brooke & Emily Hines

Special Music “The First Noel”  
Jocelyn Walker, Sarah Nafziger, Scott Reeb, Todd Nafziger,  
Lynne Christman, & Emma Nafziger

Children’s Message “Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Carol #125, “Joy to the World!”

Reading of the Christmas Story Luke 2:1-20

Special Music - Joshua Reeb “Mary, Did You Know?”

Christmas Eve Message “O Holy Night”

Candle Lighting & Carol #147, “Silent Night”

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Postlude



## Sermon Scripture - Luke 2:1-20

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In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to his own town to register.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn.

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to men on  
whom his favor rests."

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

## Handbell Choir

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Zoe Castillo, Lynne Christman, Emma Nafziger, Sarah Nafziger,  
Crissi Stuckey, David Stuckey, Lynne Stuckey, Emily Walker,  
Kenny Walker IV, Kim Walker

## Tonight's Worship Servants

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Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leaders	David Stuckey, Mike Meyer, Andrew Rohrs, Roger Zimmerman
Reader	Richard Spiess
Sound Tech	James Grime
Live Stream Tech	Ryan Christman

Merry Christmas!



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