

# Chatham Community Church

## Christmas Eve Worship

December 24th, 2018

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Cole Family

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

\*HYMN OF JOY

#188

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: 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.

People: **The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: 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.

People: **Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**

Leader: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

People: **I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

Leader: 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.

People: **I love you, O God, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of mystery, God of revelation, God of joyful sound, we worship you with the most profound devotion, and with the simplest wonder at the foot of a manger bed, singing in the Spirit so that our joy may be received as true worship in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF HOPE

#182

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

ANTHEM

The Choir

*Carols from a Quiet Manger*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

\*HYMN OF LOVE

#180

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14

HYMN OF PEACE

#203

*Away in a Manger*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:15-20

MESSAGE

*Glory to God in the Highest!*

HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Communion*

AS YOU COME FORTH TO RECEIVE COMMUNION,  
OR AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE  
YOU ARE INVITED TO LEAVE YOUR OFFERING IN THE MANGER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Howard & Patty Humphress

HYMN OF LIGHT

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

**#186**

***Please tip unlit candles for lighting. Keep lit candles upright.***

Please stand for the final verse of Silent Night

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE



***In Service to God and the Church***

**Pastor:** Patty Humphress  
**Liturgist:** Jaci Orosz  
**Ushers:** Dan & Diane Siman  
**Accompanist:** Karen Geisinger

**Special Thanks to Emma Steinmetz**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth

in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

**Luke 2:1-7**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Luke 2:8-14**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

**Luke 2:15-20**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and

found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.