

Chatham Community Church  
Christmas Eve Worship  
December 24th, 2019

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

*While by the Sheep*

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH  
Choral Response

Siman Family  
*One Candle Is Lit*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

\*HYMN OF JOY

*Joy to the World*

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Tonight, old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The Promise is fulfilled!

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

Leader: Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

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Leader: Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invades midnight. The Light of the World has come.

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

Leader: And this light is a light for all; igniting a flame within the soul, warming us from within, radiating love, lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh within us and among us, now and always.

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to all.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**O Holy God, we hear the story of shepherds and angels, of maiden and carpenter, and we too come to Bethlehem for a blessing. You are born in our hearts because you have chosen the weakness of our bodies for your birth. We are filled with love because you have taken upon yourself our humanity; we are filled with hope because you have offered us your Spirit, your life and your light; we are filled with faith because all that is meek and lowly and humble in us and in creation becomes holy this night. Our salvation has come into this holy time and we say together, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all."**

\*HYMN OF GLORY

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14  
Collin Bohley

REFLECTION

Pastor Patty

ANTHEM

*O Come, Little Children*

The Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:15-20  
Kyle Bohley

\*HYMN OF NEWNESS

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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HOLY COMMUNION

*ALL are welcome*

As you come forth to receive the sacrament, you are invited to bring your love offering forward and leave in in the manger.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Howard & Patty Humphress

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5

REFLECTION

Pastor Patty

HYMN OF LIGHT

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

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***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  
**Accompanist:** Karen Schaefer  
**Liturgist:** Jacci Orosz  
**Ushers:** Dan & Diane Siman

You are invited to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00! In January we will be looking at God and the nature of God's relationship to all of creation. May God add a blessing to your life in the new year!

**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.

**John 1:1-5**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.