Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church December 24, 2024 5:00 pm, Christmas Eve

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Let your goodness, O Lord, appear to us, that we, made in your image, may conform ourselves to it. In our own strength we cannot imitate your majesty, power and wonder; nor is it fitting for us to try. But your mercy reaches from the heavens, through the clouds, to the earth below. You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of eternal love. Caress us with your tiny hands, embrace us with your tiny arms, and pierce our hearts with your soft, sweet cries. Amen.

Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

PRELUDE	Strings Medley			
WELCOME				
INTROIT	The Rose Tree Carol Ramona Jeffries & Tom Marsicano	Martin		
PRAYER OF INVOCATION				
*HYMN 133	O Come, All Ye Faithful	(1,4,3)		
THE LIGHT OF THE PROPHETS				
*CALL TO WO	ORSHIP (from Isaiah 9, 11 & 60)	Dave Purvis		

*CA Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

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.

THE PROPHETS' CANDLE

*HYMN 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

THE LIGHT OF BETHLEHEM

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SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-7	Sarah Vohringer		
THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE				
CHILDREN'S TIME				
ANTHEM	Shines the Light Lilia Estes, bass & Steven Estes	, guitar		
THE LIGHT OF THE ANGELS				
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:8-14	Sissy Simpson		
THE ANGELS' CANDLE				
*HYMN 113 Angels We Have Heard on High				
CHRISTMAS PRAYER and				
THE LORD'S PRAYER (debtsdebtors)				
*HYMN 134	Joy to the World			
THE LIGHT OF THE SHEPHERDS				
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:15-20	Cary Adams		
THE SHEPHERDS' CANDLE				
OFFERING				
OFFERTO	RY Christmas Medley Strings Quartet			
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD				
ANTHEM	A Christmas Lullaby	Hayes		
SCRIPTURE		John 1:1-5, 14		
REFLECTION	1	Rev. Meeker		
THE LIGHT OF CHRIST				
SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST				
*HYMN 122	Silent Night			
*PROCLAIMING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD				
*MOMENT OF SILENCE				

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Angels, from the Realms of Glory Johnson/Handel

*Congregation may stand in body or in spirit

Congregational responses said in unison are in bold

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Wishing you a most blessed Christmas!

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



The Poinsettias are given to the glory and honor of God and...

In memory of...

Her parents, Mr. & Mrs. William F. Braerman, by Ethel Braerman Her husband, Donny Burdette, by Sue Burdette Grandma & Granddaddy Dominy by Leighson, Lilia & Tapley Estes Patricia Davis, Harriet Harley, Ed Hartley, Richard Pinn & Dianne Davis by Diane Davis Elaine Simmons & Bobby Bailey, by Rhonda Godbold Her husband Earl Haas, by Hester Haas Their loved ones, by Peg & Bill Ingram Her husband, Edward "Lee" McCurry, Papa Hill, Kathy McCurry & Carolyn Merritt, by Melissa McCurry Her husband Robert McLellan, by Betty McLellan Jeri Lyn Meeker's parents, Margie & Jerry Dykstra & Andy's father, Phil Meeker by the Meeker Family Betty & Don Hall, by Patty Morelli Bill Moore & Mildred Moore, by Carla Moore Proctor & Ginger Chambless, by Rusty & Brenda Rawls Their daughter, Carrie Ann Brady, by Lucille & David Schaffner Irene Lester & Bill Lester, by the Simpson & Lester Families Her husband, John Strieter, by Gloria Strieter Their parents, by Milton & Jerri Jo Tackett Her sister & brother-in-law, Teresa & Tony Wascoby; her grandmother, Bertha M. Vohringer; her mother Marsha Vohringer, by Sarah Vohringer & Family Her husband, Jack, her sons, Mack & Mark, and her sister, Marilyn Clifton, by Carol Wallace Their Parents, Richard & Gloria Strang, by Linda Barnett & Carol Walsh Clifford Warren, by Diane Warren

In Honor of...

Margie, Jason, Bailey & Carter Chambless, by Rusty & Brenda Rawls Betty Squires, Ray Davis, by Diane Davis

Nani & Pappy Estes by Emma, Forrest, Leighson, Lilia, Tapley, June & Joy Julie Redding & Debbie Usher, by Melissa McCurry

Their son John Middleton and their 8 grandchildren & 1 great grandchild by Lucille & David Schaffner

Their sons Stephen & Daniel & their families; Christine, Emmie, Tre & Riley Sue by Stephen and Judy Walker

Welcome All - Family, Friends and Visitors! We thank you for worshiping with us this special evening. We trust the Spirit of God will encourage and strengthen you in your devotion to Jesus Christ. If you don't already have a church home, we hope that you will come back and worship with us again.

Candle Lighting Instructions: As you entered the Sanctuary, you should have received a candle (please check with the ushers if you did not). Please keep the candle until the time when we share the Light of Christ with one another. Light your candle from the person next to you and pass the light to the person on the other side. To keep from dripping wax, please hold the lighted candle upright, and tilt the unlit candle toward the upright flame until it too is lit. Following the singing of "Silent Night," the pastor will hold his candle high; please join him as together we reflect on the power of the Light of Christ. When the service is over, please extinguish your candle and place it in the baskets as you exit the sanctuary.

A special thanks to our guest musicians, Kerri Sellman, Julia Sellman, Joanna Sellman and Emily Calhoun for sharing their musical gifts with us this evening.

Join us for worship on Sunday mornings, either in-person or via Youtube Live, at 10:00 AM. This Sunday there will be a special "Lessons and Carols" service.

There are many Bible studies, mission opportunities and fellowship activities for all ages that will be starting back up in January. To learn more, please check out our web page (www.wipcsav.org), "friend" us on Facebook, or contact the church office to be added to our email list.

To make a gift to the church, offering plates will be passed during the Offertory. Or, you may train your phone's camera on the QR code below which will bring you to our church's secure on-line giving portal where credit card payments can be made.

