



Christmas Eve
December 24, 2016
7:00 p.m. Carols, Lessons,
Candlelight Service

Summerville Presbyterian Church
Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser
Julian Garvue & the Choir
Jackie Anderson and the Bell Choir
Margaret Mayer, Lay Reader



WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL MUSIC

CHRISTMAS EVE GREETING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the world was dark and the city was quiet

All: God came to be with us

One: No one knew, only a few dared to believe

All: That God might do something different.

One: Will you do the same this Christmas, Lord?

**All: Will you come into our lives this night with your
light of love?**

One: O Come, Come Emmanuel, we pray.

*HYMN #195 Rejoice "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS WREATH: Finance and Personnel
Congregational Response is "You Are a Child"

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

**Good and Gracious God, on this holy night draw us into the
mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we
may sing your glory on high, so we might find the one for whom we
have waited. Amen**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

First Reading
HYMN# 2 Presbyterian
The Story of Jesus' Birth
Mary and the Angel
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Second Reading
Anthem
The Story of Jesus' Birth
Mary and Joseph

Third Reading
CAROL#194 Rejoice
The Journey to Bethlehem
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Fourth Reading
Bell Choir Anthem
The Story of Jesus' Birth
Jesus is Born
"I Wonder as I Wander"

Fifth Reading
CAROL#196 Rejoice
The Shepherds
"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Sixth Reading
CAROL #168 Rejoice
The Story of Jesus' Birth
The Star
"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING
CALL FOR THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 213 "Away in the Manger"
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great God of life, you came at night when all was still, giving us the gift of love and wonder in a holy child. May the offerings we bring this night express our gratitude for the blessing of life you give us and may these offerings also be a sign of justice, love, compassion and hope to all people of the world. Amen.

Seventh Reading
CAROL# 223 Rejoice

John 1:1-4
“The First Nowell” (vs 1-2)

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE BEAR GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

THE CHRISTMAS GREETING

The advent of Christ has happened.

Thanks be to God!

The light of the world has and constantly comes in the person of Christ
born this silent and joyous night.

Alleluia! Amen!

*SILENT 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.

*CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 198 “Joy to the World”

*POSTLUDE “On the Day Earth Shall Sing” ***Bell Choir***

*For those who are able, please stand.