

The Christmas Story

Scripture Reading

✠ Carol "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Isaiah 9:2
#245

Scripture Reading

✠ Carol "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Isaiah 40:1-5
#244

Scripture Reading

Solo
"Almost There"

Luke 2:1-7
Laura Paschke
Michael W. Smith

Scripture Reading

✠ Carol "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Luke 2:8-14
#277

Scripture Reading

Solo
"Mary, Did You Know?"

Luke 2:15-20
James Paschke
Mark Lowery

Scripture Reading

✠ Carol "We Three Kings"

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11
#288

Scripture Reading

Solo
"O Holy Night"

Isaiah 9:6 and Revelation 19:6, 11-15
Hannah Haddox
Adolphe Adams

Meditation

"Soon It Will Be Christmas Day"

✠ Institution of Holy Communion (responsively)

Pastor: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled!"

People: **On the night in which Jesus became the Passover Lamb, He took the bread, blessed it and broke it.**

Pastor: And He said: "Take it and eat it, for this is My body." And after supper, Jesus took the wine after supper, blessed it, and passed it to His disciples and said:

People: **"This is my blood which seals the covenant between God and His people. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many."**

✠ Please rise in body or spirit.

Pastor: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life; those who come to Me will never go hungry and those who believe in Me will never thirst!"

People: **Whenever we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we do so in remembrance of the Lord's death until He comes again.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Consecration

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

✠ Sharing the Good News with the World (responsively)

Pastor: Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Those who follow Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life!"

People: **Jesus also said: "You are the light of the world—like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Do not hide your light under a basket; put it on a stand and let it shine for all . . ."**

Pastor: In the same way, let your life shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your Heavenly Father.

Lighting Our Candles from the Christ Candle

✠ Carol **James Paschke and Scott Roberts, Guitars**
"Silent Night! Holy Night!" #253

Extinguishing of the Candles

[Please snuff out your candle and place it back in the baggie, and leave on pew.]

✠ Benediction

Postlude

"Joy to the World" Isaac Watts

✠ Please rise in body or spirit.

Scripture Readers: Emily DeLozier and Cody Hawn

Following the Worship Service, please take the poinsettia(s) you purchased.

*For the glory of God, Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church exists to **worship** Christ, **evangelize** the lost, **love** one another and our neighbor, and **learn** more about our God.*

CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



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December 24, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Communion Service

Pre-Service Music

Rebecca Prenshaw, Piano

Prelude

"Once in Royal David's City"

Sarah Saxton, Flute

Irby

Lighting of the Candles

Chimes

✠ Carol

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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Lighting of the Christ Candle
John 1:9-14

The Paschke Family

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Prayer of Invocation

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Invitation to Praise

(responsively)

Pastor: This is the evening when God embraced fallen, sinful humanity from the inside, as one of us, from birth to death.

People: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God; the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

ALL: LET US NOW GIVE PRAISE TO GOD!

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Please rise in body or spirit.