



Nolensville First United Methodist Church

...a neighborhood church, where people experience a life-changing relationship with Jesus, in a welcoming church family.



CHRISTMAS *eve*
FAMILY SERVICE

Christmas Eve Family Service

Welcome

Pastor Jeremy Squires

Call to Worship (in unison)

Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Advent Candle Lighting

The Melchiorre Family

The First Christmas told in Story and Song

What Child Is This?

UMH 219

What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?
Whom angels greet
with anthems sweet,

While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard
and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH 234

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore Him (repeat)

Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH 230

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His Heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

Away in a Manger

UMH 234

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky
Looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The Friendly Beasts

UMH 227

Jesus, our brother, strong and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude,
And the friendly beasts
around Him stood
Jesus our brother, strong and good.
"I," said the donkey, shaggy & brown,
"I carried His mother up hill and down,
I carried His mother to Bethlehem town;
"I," said the donkey, shaggy & brown.
"I," said the cow, all white and red
"I gave Him my manger for His bed,
I gave Him hay to pillow His head;
I," said the cow, all white and red.
"I," said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave Him my wool
or His blanket warm,
He wore my coat on Christmas morn;
I," said the sheep with curly horn.
"I," said the dove from the rafters high,
"I cooed Him to sleep
so that He would not cry;
We cooed Him to sleep, my mate and "
"I," said the dove from the rafters high.



The First Noel

UMH 245

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay
Keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night
That was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.
They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far:
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

UMH 218

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven
skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurl
And still their heavenly music floats,
O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds,
The blessed angels sing.

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH 238

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

UMH 240

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies:
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail, th' incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled,
When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth!

Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

We Three Kings

UMH 254

We three kings of orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor, and mountain,
Following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light

Joy to the World

UMH 246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns:
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the earth
with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, (repeat),
And wonders, and wonders of His love.



Lighting of the Candles/Glow Sticks

The lights will be dimmed. The pastor will light his candle from the Christ candle. After lighting his candle, he and the liturgist will in turn light the candle of the first person in each row. Each person will then light a neighbor's candle. (Remember to keep the lighted candle upright — tilt the unlighted candle to light it.)

Silent Night

UMH 239

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 (repeat)

Silent night, holy night.
shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! (repeat)

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! (repeat)

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!

Celebration of Holy Communion

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

in honor of
Neona Daugherty
Corinne Bowater
by the Bowater Family

in honor of
Jack & Margaret Branham
Steve Branham
by Lyn Branham

in honor of
David Russell
by Christina Clark

given by
the Goebel family

in honor of
Ed and Mary Martin
by the Martin family

in honor of
Mary Ridings
by Amanda and Luke Ridings

in memory of
Madison Tuck Moore
John and Ann Tuck
Harold and Sally Holliday
by Phillip and Tressa Tuck

in memory of his father
Jerry Squires
by the Squires Family

in memory of
Bill Scott
by Susan and Jeremy Squires

in memory of
their grandmother
by the Wang family

In memory and honor of
Louise Grafton
Linda Bowlin
J. Pat Hickman
by Haley and Ben White



Welcome Guests with Children!

There are children's bulletins at each entrance to the Sanctuary for them to use during worship.

Children are always welcome in our Sanctuary but we do have a nursery for infants through age 3 located on the second floor of the Education Wing. From the Sanctuary, exit by the door on the left side of altar area, turn right, and follow the "Nursery" signs.

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