

Bryson City Presbyterian Church
Moravian Love Feast & Lessons, Carols and Candles
December 24, 2018, 7:00 pm

“Christ”

“The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight”

Gathering of God’s People

Prelude

Rev. Rachel Lackey

Preparation for Worship

Lighting the Flame of CHRIST

***Kindle this flame of Christ. May it burn bright and true.
Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.
God’s realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign.
Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.***

Reading of Isaiah 9: 2-7

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn of Praise 133

O, Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

The Love Feast

Blessing

**Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be,
And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.
Bless Thy dear ones everywhere,
And keep them in Thy loving care.**

Sharing the Meal

Special Music

O Holy Night
Becky Claxton, Soloist

Adam

Hymn 140

Once in Royal David's City

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Welcome to the Story

Rev. Terry L. Hanna

Lessons & Carols

Scripture: Luke 2: 1-7

Carol- *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above the deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark street shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Angels

Scripture: Luke 2: 8-14

Carol- *Hark the Harold Angels Sing*

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 the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Shepherds

Scripture: Luke 2: 15-18; 20

Carol- *The First Nowell*

The first Nowell 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. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel!

Mary

Scripture: Luke 2: 19

Carol- *Away in a Manger*

A-way in a manger, no crib for His head; The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay; The little Lord Jesus, a sleep in the hay. The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes; But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes. I love Thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky; And stay by my side until morning is nigh. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay. Close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care; and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Christ Child

Scripture: Luke 2: 21

Carol- *What Child Is this?*

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!

Bidding Prayer

Candle Lighting

*Hymn, *Silent Night, Holy 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 a far, 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.

*Benediction

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world," and "You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before all people, that they may see your good works, and glorify God!" Amen.

*Postlude

*Please stand

Thank you to all participating in worship this evening, Rev. Rachel Lackey, Rev. Terry Hanna, and all who participated in our worship this evening including our Dieners. A special thank you to Howard Chambers, a true Moravian, who deserves our gratitude for leading us in our feast and to the Christ Moravian Church in Winston Salem for providing the meal and the beautiful candles made with their loving hands.

The Church office will be closed until Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Merry Christmas!

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