



Duke Memorial United Methodist Church
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CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
CHRISTMAS EVE, 5:30 P.M.

The cross and light precede us from the world into the sanctuary and from the sanctuary into the world.
The cross symbolizes the triumph of Christ. The light signifies God's presence with us.

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

*GREETING

A trumpet blares through the silent night!

A new song heralds the coming light!

LET US SING THE NEW SONG,

LET US TURN TO THE LIGHT,

LET US BUILD A NEW EARTH,

LET US CELEBRATE NEW LIFE!

Let the sea's deep rumble make the sky tremble!

Let the field's high chanting make the clouds dance!

LET US SING THE NEW SONG,

LET US TURN TO THE LIGHT,

LET US BUILD A NEW EARTH,

LET US CELEBRATE NEW LIFE!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 240

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Charles, Judy, Chip, Dodd, and Elizabeth Browning

We who dwelled in shadows have seen a great light:

**GLORY FROM HEAVEN EMBRACES THE EARTH, LIKE A MOTHER'S
ARMS AROUND A NEWBORN CHILD,**

Tucking the earth in folds of peace, like a baby wrapped
in swaddling clothes.

**LAYING THE EARTH IN THE CRADLE OF TRUTH, LIKE A
BABY ENTRUSTED TO A MANGER.**

As the cry of a baby splits the air, uniting the songs
of shepherds and angels,

**LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THE BIRTH OF A CHILD, THROUGH
WHOSE YOUNG LIFE SALVATION SHINES!**

We light the Christ candle this evening as a symbol of
our Lord's birth, he who comes as the light of the world!

*CONGREGATIONAL SONG RESPONSE

"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO"

GLORIA

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

"This Child, This King"

Daniel Gawthrop

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2: 1-20

MEDITATION

Mark W. Wethington

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION, NO. 12

CONFESSION AND PARDON

*THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, NO. 17

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

You are invited to leave offerings at the altar during communion. This year's Christmas offering will go for the support of Duke Divinity School scholarships for ethnic students.

The congregation is invited to join in the following hymns during communion:

Nos. 217, 219, 229, 235, and 242.

*THE DISTRIBUTION OF LIGHT

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Silent Night"

STILLE NACHT

**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 SHAKE 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 PRAYER

*HYMN

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

**JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME! LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING;
LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM,
AND HEAVEN AND 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...**

**NO MORE LET SINS AND SORROWS GROW, NOR THORNS INFEST THE GROUND;
HE COMES TO MAKE HIS BLESSINGS FLOW
FAR AS THE CURSE IS FOUND....**

(Organ Interlude)

**HE RULES THE WORLD WITH TRUTH AND GRACE AND MAKES THE NATIONS
PROVE THE GLORIES OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,
AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE ...**

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"In Dulci Jubilo"

J.S. Bach

Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.

*Congregation is invited to stand.

WELCOME: You are warmly welcomed to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. Please sign the registration pad when it is passed to you. As it returns, note who is seated on your pew so you may speak to them after the service. Visitors, please give us your address so that we may share additional information about Duke Memorial with you.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED. FM SOUND ENHANCEMENT PERSONAL RECEIVERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED. PLEASE ASK ANY USHER FOR ASSISTANCE.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Preacher: Mark W. Wethington
Organist: Robert J. Irvine
Harp: Anita Burroughs-Price

Liturgist: Lisa Brown Cole
Choir: Sanctuary Choir
Sacred Dancers: Bobbi & Caroline Wethington

CHRISTMAS LOVE FEAST ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1996

DINNER - 5:30 P.M. SING AND SHARE - 6:15 P.M.

Don't miss the fourth annual Christmas Love Feast at Duke Memorial on the "tenth day of Christmas."
Complete the Christmas season by singing your favorite Christmas carols and sharing with your brothers and sisters in Christ.