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*Duke Memorial United Methodist Church*  
*504 West Chapel Hill Street • Durham, North Carolina • 27701*

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*~ Sharing Christ from the Heart of Durham ~*  
*Service of Word and Table*  
*Christmas Eve*  
*December 24, 2009*

TOWER BELLS 4:30 pm

WORSHIP 5:00 pm

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

GATHERING

CAROLS Acoustic Ensemble  
Jill Newsome, hammered dulcimer; Erika Sasser, mandolin; Fuller Sasser, guitar

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

PRELUDE "The First Noel" Kinder Bells  
Kim Doughty, Director

GREETING (responsively)

Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:  
**to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.**

Let us dance with delight in the Lord, and let our hearts be filled with rejoicing,  
**For eternal salvation has appeared on the earth. Alleluia!**

\*OPENING HYMN #245 "The First Noel" THE FIRST NOEL

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.

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leta and Roger Loyd

**Reader:** This is Christmas Eve. Christmas Day symbolizes the fulfillment of God's promise that a Messiah would be sent for all people. The season brings with it the full joy of all of the preparation, the anticipation, and the waiting of Advent. Tonight we light the Christ candle.

**Reader:** Isaiah 9:5-7: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

**Prayer:** (in unison) **Our Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, who has brought light into our darkness. Help us to remember the things which our Lord has taught us about HOPE, PEACE, LOVE, and JOY. And let us rejoice in our salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, not only today, but always. In His Holy name we make our prayer. Amen.**

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

"What Child is This" (Refrain)

GREENSLEEVES

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### CAROL CHOIR and WESLEY SINGERS

Acoustic Ensemble

"Away in a Manger"

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7 (OT p.598)

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Children are invited to come forward.)*

### \*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20 (NT p.50)

### SERMON

Rev. Roger Owens

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### INVITATION

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### CONFESSION, PARDON, AND PEACE

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"O Holy Night"  
Darien Brockington, baritone

arr. A. Adam

\*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (page 17)

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All who profess or seek faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. At the ushers' direction you are invited to come forward to any one station where you will receive a piece of bread which you will dip into the cup then eat. All are invited to kneel and pray at the chancel rail after receiving. If desired, an offering may be placed on the communion rail to be used for the Good Samaritan Fund. Please notify an usher if you cannot come forward but wish to receive communion in your pew.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS FOR MEDITATION

#230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"	ST. LOUIS
#218 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"	CAROL
#219 "What Child is This"	GREENSLEEVES

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

RECEIVING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

(please see back page)

STILLE NACHT

\*BENEDICTION

\*GOING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Traditional

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 sign 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!

**Large print bulletins and sound enhancing devices are available  
for your use. Any usher will be glad to assist you.**

*Our Staff:*

Ginger Thomas and Roger Owens, Co-Pastors  
Frank Newsome, Minister of Youth & Discipleship  
Ann Stallings Smith, Minister of Nurture  
Jill Newsome, Minister of Music and Children  
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