

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 2019
Crossnore Presbyterian Church



*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. ~Isaiah 9:6*

Prelude: *Away in a Manger (medley)*

~Director of Music, Kathy Hutcheson

arr. by Mark Hayes

Welcome and the Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Choral Call to Worship: *Jesus, Jesus, O What A Wonderful Child*

~Soloist, Bobby Taylor

arr. by Jeffery Radford & Clarence Boyer

Processional Hymn # 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Bill Blazer and Paloma Ann Blazer

Choir Anthem: *Were You There on That Christmas Night?*

~Crossnore Presbyterian Church Choir

words and music by Natalie Sleeth

Christmas Prayer

Daniel Coffey

First Lesson: Luke 2:1-20

Melvin Wilhite

Hymn # 119 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Second Lesson: John 1:1-13

Rev. Margaret Lauterer

Special Music: *Sherburne*

from the Christian Harmony Tradition

Quartet: Zack Allen, Maggie Lauterer, Bobby Taylor, Mel Wilhite

Third Lesson: Colossians 2:6 and 3:12-15

Karl Campbell

Choir Anthem: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

~Crossnore Presbyterian Church Choir

poem by Christine Rossetti; music by Gustav Holst; arr. by Brad Printz

A Christmas Message

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Hymn # 134 *Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Special Offering for Volunteer Avery Crisis Ministry

Linda Berkley

Offertory: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* based on ST. LOUIS by Louis Redner; arr. by S. William Flynn

***Good Christians friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:
Gracious God, on this holy night, we praise you and give you thanks for Christ being born once again in our lives and in your world. We thank you for the honor of bringing our offerings before you to be blessed and shared with those in crisis this winter who need heat and food and medicine and shelter. We thank you for the Volunteer Avery County staff and volunteers who give of themselves daily so that others may know your love. May our lives also be a constant reflection of your Light and your Love. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

The Lighting of the Candles

***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.**

STILLE NACHT

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven above,
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.**

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Postlude: *Hallelujah Chorus

by George F. Handel; arr. & abridged by Lani Smith