

Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve 2024 – 6:00 pm Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service

Prelude	<i>Carol Medley</i>	
	Bill Jones & Marti Dushak – Four-Hand Piano	
	<i>Ding Dong Merrily</i>	Traditional English
	Tom & Marti Dushak – Guitar & Flute	
	<i>What Child Is This</i>	Traditional English
	Jill Kutsch – Soprano, Tom & Marti Dushak – Guitar & Recorder	

Welcome and Opening Prayer
Dear Lord, fill our hearts with Your Joy and peace during this Christmas season. Thank for the greatest gift of all: The birth of Jesus. Forgive us for forgetting that Your love never ends and that you never abandon the purpose for which You came: To save us from sin and to give us eternal life. Close the door of hate, and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. I pray for joy, hope, love and peace upon the Earth. Help us to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. We give thanks for this joyful holiday when we can celebrate our Savior and His love for us. To You Lord, I give all the praise, honor and glory. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle	The Davis Family
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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. *Isaiah 9:6*

*Carol # 208	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>	stanzas 1, 3, & 5
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*Call to Worship	Isaiah 7:14
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Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and give birth to a son and will call him Emmanuel.
Thanks, and Praise be to God!

*Carol #201	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>
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Luke 1:26-38	The Angel Appears to Mary	Larry Mobley
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In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary....the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus... “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God...“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.

Special Music	<i>Breath of Heaven</i>	Chris Eaton/Amy Grant
	Susan Sitler – Soloist & Women of the Choir	

Matthew 1:18-23:	The Angel Appears to Joseph	Clay Haskins
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This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after the he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to son, and they will call him Emmanuel”- which means, “God with us.”

*Carol #200:	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>
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Luke 2:1-7:	The Birth of Christ	Pastor Juan Unda
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In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in strips of cloth and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Anthem	<i>He Is Born</i>	French Carol
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Luke 2:8-13	The Angel Appears to the Shepherds	Pastor Rob
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And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.”

*Carol #214:	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>
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Luke 2: 14-15:	Many Angels Appear	Larry Mobley
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Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests. When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

* Carol #203:	<i>Hark, the Herald Angels Sing</i>
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