

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
And College Chapel

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of
Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2017
9:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
German melody
Vivian Hare, organ
Improvisation/14th C.

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (seated) GTG#140

(Choir sings first verse while the Advent Candles are lit)
Once in Royal David's City

FIRST LESSON

Evan Williams

Matthew 1:18-25

The birth of Jesus foretold to Joseph

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (seated) GTG# 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

SECOND LESSON

Natalie Cowal

Luke 1:26-38

An angel of the Lord appears to Mary

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (seated) GTG# 113
(Verse 1 only)

Angels We Have Heard on High

THIRD LESSON

Ken Murchison

Luke 1:39-56

Mary meets Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (seated) GTG#146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

FOURTH LESSON

Jane Corbin

Luke 2:1-7

Mary gives birth to Jesus

INSTRUMENTAL

O Holy Night Adam
Rebecca Hettrick, violin

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Sharon & Rodney Lytle

One: Christ is born!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL** GTG#134

Joy to the World

FIFTH LESSON

John Laney

Luke 2:8-14

A multitude of the heavenly host appear to the shepherds, announcing God's intention for humanity

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (seated)

GTG#123

(Verses 1 & 2 only)

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

SIXTH LESSON

Barbara Griswold

Luke 2:15-20

The Shepherds go to the manger

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (seated)

GTG#147

(Verses 1 & 2 only)

The First Nowell

INSTRUMENTAL

Gesu Bambino Yon
Beth Meriwether, flute

SEVENTH LESSON

Rev. Grace Boyer

Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (seated)

GTG #152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

EIGHTH LESSON

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

John 1:1-5, 14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

GTG#119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

One: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world!"

All: **We will walk in the light!**

SHARING THE LIGHT

*Please come forward
to form a "circle of light" around the sanctuary.*

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

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 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, share thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.***

(Repeat verse 1, then hum)

***THE BLESSING**

(* Please stand)