

# Service of Carols, Gospel and Candlelight

## WELCOME

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**FIRST LESSON**  
Genesis 3: 1-18

Greg Dixon

**CAROL** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

#### Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

#### Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

#### Verse 2

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
And order all things far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go. (*Refrain*)

#### Verse 3

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes  
on Sinai's height in ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe. (*Refrain*)

#### Verse 4

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,  
An ensign of thy people be; Before thee rulers silent fall;  
All peoples of thy mercy call. (*Refrain*)

**SECOND LESSON**  
Isaiah 9:2-7; 11:1-4

Tim Miller

**CAROL** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

#### Verse 1

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

#### Verse 2

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

**THIRD LESSON**  
Luke 2: 1-11

Justin Harper

**CAROL** *O Come All Ye Faithful*

#### Verse 1

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

#### Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

#### Verse 2

True God of True God, Light of Light eternal,  
Lo! he shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created, [Refrain]

#### Verse 3

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!" [Refrain]

#### Verse 4

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; [Refrain]

#### SERMON

Rev. Bruce Gwyn

**FOURTH LESSON**  
John 1: 1-5

Kayla Potter Fuller

#### RECEIVING THE CANDLE AND LIGHTING INSTRUCTION

(\*Raise candle on last line of each verse)

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 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!

#### BENEDICTION

Rev. Bruce Gwyn

#### CAROL

*Joy to the World* (UMH 246 v 1, 4)

#### Verse 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

#### Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

#### POSTLUDE

"Sing We Now of Christmas" -arr. Krug.

**\*Please place candles in the tubs in the narthex**

# Central

United Methodist Church

Thank you for joining us tonight! We wanted to make sure you know how much we appreciate you joining for worship here at Central United Methodist Church of Kings Mountain! If you were gifted a poinsettia, you may take it home with you after service.

We would like to invite you to join us on Sunday Mornings at 10:00am for worship.



**We Wish You Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year!**