

SALEM WALMER'S UNION CHURCH
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 2020

*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord."*

Luke 2:11

SPECIAL MUSIC CONCERT
ORGAN AND VOCAL PRELUDES

*CALL TO WORSHIP Titus 2

P. Augustus and Quirinius—ancient names that seem odd to today's ears...

C. characters in an ancient story that we long to hear.

P. Nazareth and Bethlehem—distant towns we know little about...

C. places our hearts long for, because of the One who traveled there.

P. We gather together to hear once more, a story so ancient and yet
so current, so distant and yet so near.

C. We come to hear the story of God coming to us.

ALL. AMEN

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*INVOCATION AND CHORAL AMEN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Lord of Light and Hope, our minutes and hours have been swallowed up in preparation for this night and for the coming day. We have been so caught up in the preparations for gatherings and gifting that we have pushed aside the wonder of what you have done for all Creation. Forgive us when we so easily get entangled in our own plans and forget to pay attention to the true event. Help us to relax and listen, instead of rush and shout. May the songs of the angels, the surprise of the shepherds, and the joy of the Holy Family become part of our preparations and our lives. Open our ears, our eyes, our hearts and our spirits to again hear the old, old story, spoken by new voices in new ways. Remind us again of your never-changing love for us. Prepare us to serve you by serving others. This night we offer this prayer of our hearts to you, gracious God. AMEN.

The Kyrie

Ÿ. Lord, have mercy upon us.

RŸ. Lord, have mer - cy up - on . . us.

Ÿ. Christ, have mercy upon us. Ÿ. Lord, have mercy upon us.

RŸ. Christ, have mer-cy up-on . . us. RŸ. Lord, have mer-cy up-on . . us.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

M. Hear the Good News!.....Your sins are forgiven.

C. Amen.

PASSING OF THE CHRISTMAS PEACE VIDEO

ENCORE PRESENTATION

2019 PUPPET SHOW

CHILDREN'S SERMON - "The Pickle"

AWAY IN THE MANGER "NATIVITY VERSION"

SCRIPTURE - Luke 2: 1-20

***GLORIA PATRI**

***NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CAROL - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

M. Lift up your hearts!

C. We lift them to the Lord!

M. Let us proclaim our faith in God and in his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, our brother, and our Savior, whom we greet this night, thankful for all his love and mercy begun in Bethlehem, and declaring the mystery of our faith:

C. Christ has died! Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

SERAPHIC HYMN ALONZO P. HOWARD, 1838-1902

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba-oth; Heav-en and earth are
full, are full of the ma-jes-ty of Thy Glo - ry, Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the
name of the Lord, Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho-san - na in the high-est!

*BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

please have your bread, wine, and candle ready

*PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT

*CAROL - "Silent Night"

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 MEDITATION

*CELEBRATION PRAYER

*CAROL - "Joy to the World"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

(The candles are extinguished.)

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*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a happy and blessed New Year!
From the members of Salem Walmer's Union Church.*

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Depart to Serve

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