



Family Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



MOUNTAIN BROOK
BAPTIST CHURCH

Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

DECEMBER 24, 2025 | 3 P.M.



Instrumental Preludes

Children of MBBC

*The Opening Sentences of Worship

Jim Schaeffer and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Our wait is over.

People: The Messiah is come.

Leader: Our hope is fulfilled.

People: A Savior is born.

All: *This is good news and great joy for all people! Glory to God!*

*Carol of Worship

Congregation

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Paul Baloche

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King: peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb: veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity, pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

CCLI Song #238527

*Opening Prayer and Welcome to Worshipers

Wayne Splawn

Children's Message

Sharon Howard

*Congregational Carol

Congregation

Once in Royal David's City

Thompson | Wright

Once in royal David's city stool a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed. Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall. With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him through his own redeeming love, for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above, and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high; when like stars his children crowned, all in white shall be around.

CCLI Song #7105200

Lighting the Christ Candle

Rector Family and Congregation

CHRIST

Leader: Our journey of hope, peace, joy, and love brings us here. Our searching for light and life culminates with the birth of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Tonight we light the Christ Candle.

People: Jesus Christ is our hope. Our souls are at peace, and our hearts are full of joy. God has kept his promise and has shown his love for us in sending his Son, Jesus. The promise of a Savior is fulfilled this night!

Leader: Because Christ has come, we can live beyond mere circumstance. Now we live in the reality that the Lord of the world has come. By this light we see the ways in which we should walk to serve each other and the world.

People: God, in Jesus we see the Word made flesh. In knowing Jesus, we find our rest. We set our burdens aside and kneel at his manger bed.

Leader: Born to us and the whole world is the long-expected Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. In Jesus we have security and the assurance that God keeps his promise of love to us.

People: Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

Advent Candle Response

Congregation

Light the Light, the Fire of Life

by Dan R. Edwards

Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal his glory. Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.

Light the candle of his birth, Advent's promise now fulfilling. Light the candle of his birth, light the light of Christmas Eve.

*Congregational Carol

Congregation

Away in a Manger

Christmas Carol

Away in a manger no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

CCLI Song #31054

Scripture Reading

Mary Splawn

Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)

Message

Wayne Splawn

"Fear Not!"

Luke 2:1-20

The Celebration of the Ordinance of Holy Communion

*(If you have gluten allergies, a tray of gluten-free wafers has been placed on the table in the Narthex.
Please take one to your seat so you may participate.)*

We Receive the Bread and Cup

(Please sing the printed carol as the elements are passed.)

The First Noel
Christmas Carol

The first Noel the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

For all to see there was a star shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Chorus**

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord who hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with his blood human kind hath bought. **Chorus**

CCLI Song #7036288

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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.

Chorus: O come let us adore him. O come let us adore him. O come let us adore him! Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation. Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above. Glory to God, all glory in the highest. **Chorus**

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. **Chorus**

We'll praise your name forever. We'll praise your name forever! We'll praise your name forever, Christ the Lord.

***Candlelight Carol**

Congregation

Silent Night
STILLE NACHT

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. Glory streams 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. *(Raise candles.)*

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.

CCLI Song #7033002

***The Exchange of the Peace of Christ**

Wayne Splawn

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another saying: "The peace of Christ to you." / "And also with you.")

***Christmas Blessing**

Wayne Splawn

***Closing Benediction**

Wayne Splawn and Congregation

Leader: Go forth into the world with joy!

People: Thanks be to God!

Band Postlude

MBBC Praise Band

Improvisation on Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
by MBBC Praise Team

**congregation standing*