



*Merry Christmas!*

# *Christmas Eve*

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 6:00 PM



*First Baptist Church*

NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

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Prelude Angela Jovanovich & Teegan SinClair, violin  
Bette Jo Oglesby, organ  
Barry Templeton, piano

Greeting and Invocation Richard Seagle

Lighting the Christ Candle Doug Amerson, Jr. and family

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.

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.

\*Hymn No. 103 ADESTE FIDELES

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Solo Brandy Holton

*O Holy Night - Adolphe Adam*

Old Testament Reading Kerry Peeler

Isaiah 9:6-7

Christmas Prayer Kerry Peeler

Solo Matt Holton

*Mary, Did You Know? - Mark Lowry*

\*Carols of the Season Congregation

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (114)*

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
there He lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger:  
such a babe in such a place, can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found His favor.

Angels sang about His birth; wisemen sought and found Him;  
heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around Him:  
shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;  
all the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.

*Still, Still, Still (117)*

Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill!  
The virgin's tender arms enfolding,  
warm and safe the Child are holding.  
Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in slumber deep  
while angel hosts from heaven come winging,  
sweetest songs of joy are singing.  
Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in slumber deep.

Christmas Story Sheree Bagley and Jeremy Slagle  
Luke 2:1-20

Solo Angela Jovanovich, violin  
*Gesu Bambino - Pietro Yon*

Meditation Richard Seagle  
*Waiting for Christmas*  
Isaiah 11:1-10

Invitation to the Table Richard Seagle

Breaking the Bread  
Pouring the Cup

## LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Through the years, light has been the symbol of Christ, the light of the World. He is our Light! This evening, as we light our candles and hold them high, we are reaffirming our faith in the Christ of Christmas, and recommitting ourselves to His lifestyle.

The candle lighters who are assisting with the service will give light to the candles of the worshipers sitting nearest to the aisle, who in turn will give light to the candle of the next person, dipping the unlit candle into the lit one, and so on until all candles are burning. At the sign from the ministers, we shall stand and sing *Silent Night*.

\*Carol STILLE NACHT

*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  
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.

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 Jeremy Slagle

May the shining star of Bethlehem light your pathway.  
May the music of the angels fill your heart each time you pray.  
May the peacefulness and calmness of that first Christmas night  
fill your heart and mind with joy as you honor Christ tonight. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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