

FIRST
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CHRISTMAS EVE

LIGHTING OUR HOMES
WITH THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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Greensboro, North Carolina

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December 24, 2020
5 p.m.

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: Our time of dwelling in deep darkness ends tonight.

People: Yea, though we have walked through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil, for Emmanuel, God is with us!

Leader: While we watch our flocks, tend to our work, go about our daily living, the angels announce to us good news of great joy for all people.

People: God comes to us, wherever we are, with glad tidings. The glory of God comes to us as we look up to see the heavenly chorus sing!

Leader: On this Christmas eve we lean in to hear the heavens resound with the glorious Word made flesh. As we light the Christ candle, we rejoice that with the angel's announcement we are assured that no longer can anything separate us from the love of God.

READING THE CHRISTMAS STORY: *Luke 2:1-20*

CHILDREN'S TIME: "A Child Is Born" by Margaret Wise Brown

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*You are invited to put your prayer requests
in the chat feature at any time.*

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: Silent Night, Holy 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,
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, lend thy light:
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

BENEDICTION

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE FPC STAFF



DECEMBER 27

First Sunday of Christmas, 9 a.m. online worship,
with Newton Cowan leading this service of prayer, reflection,
and caroling. Music from John Alexander.

JANUARY 3

Epiphany Sunday, 9 a.m. online worship,
Jill Duffield preaching,
with music from the Rejoice! Ensemble.

JANUARY 10

Baptism of the Lord and Communion Sunday,
9 a.m. online worship, Keith Dove preaching,
with music from the Chancel Choir Ensemble.

We invite all who trust in the Lord, including children,
to receive communion.

