

Christmas Eve Meditation

DECEMBER 24, 2016

Organ Prelude

Arr. Kessler

The Christmas Greeting and Welcome

Dr. Timothy Norman

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Crowder Family

CHRISTMAS EVE – *Hope for Those Who Are Willing*

Our Savior's birth is celebrated with bold faith.

May our hearts be willing.

Like Mary, who showed humble surrender:

May our hearts be willing.

Like Joseph, who exhibited unconditional trust:

May our hearts be willing.

Like the shepherds, who displayed awestruck wonder:

May our hearts be willing.

Like the angels, who sang glorious praise:

May our hearts be willing.

For all who are willing to receive the gift of the Savior born in Bethlehem:

Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Candle Lighting

Christ, Be Our Light!

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Words and Music by
BERNADETTE FARRELL

Congregation:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our
hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your
Church gath - ered to - day.

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Prayer

Scripture

Isaiah 9:6, 60:1-3
Page 683 and 638 of the Pew Bible

Hymn #89

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Wade

Special Music

“Beautiful Star”

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25
Page 955-956 of the Pew Bible

Hymn #86

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Redner

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7
Page 1014 of the Pew Bible

Dr. Norman

Special Music

“Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”

Arica Parent,
Soloist

Scripture

Luke 2:8-20
Page 1014-1015 of the Pew Bible

Hymn #87 **“Joy to the World”** Handel

Receiving of Tithes & Offering

Offertory **“Away in a Manger”** Chime Choir

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Special Music **“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”** 221

Christmas Message **“The Ultimate Revelation of God”** Dr. Norman

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Hymn #91 **“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,
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.

***If you wish for your offering tonight to be posted to your contribution record for tax deductibility, please use an offering envelope located in the pew racks.**

Before leaving the pew, please extinguish your candle and place them in the receptacles available at each exit. Thank You.

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