Christmas Eve Family Contemporary Worship



First United Methodist Church

Myrtle Beach

Sanctuary

December 24, 2020 @ 5PM

ANEW Contemporary Worship Christmas Eve 5PM December 24, 2020

Kittle Family

The liturgical color is white, receiving the gift of God in His Son.

* **Praise Song** "Christmas Must Be Tonight" Robertson

Welcome Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

* Praise Song "O Holy Night"

Lighting of Advent Candle

* Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Prayer for Advent

O Lord, may we continue to be alert as we joyfully celebrate your Son's arrival into our chaos-filled world. As the Advent lights keep darkness at bay, may they also keep us from wandering from your ways. Amen.

Congregation Response Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

* Apostle's Creed

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Howle

Lord's Prayer

Children's Time Julia Brooks

Anthem "Mary, Did You Know?" Lowry

Message "Born To You This Day" Rev. Meredith M. Dark

Service of Holy Communion

(Communion Offering will benefit ZoeEmpowers, world missions.)

* **Praise Song** "Silent Night" Mohr Ushers will light the first candle in each pew row.

Please tilt the unlit candle to pass the light.

* **Benediction** Rev. Dark

(Christmas Eve offerings may be left in the plates at exit.)

Praise Song "Christmas Must Be Tonight"

Come down to the manger, see the little stranger wrapped in swaddling clothes, the prince of peace The wheels start turning, torches start burning and the whole wise men journey from the east.

How a little baby boy brings the people so much joy. Son of a carpenter, Mary carried the light. This must be Christmas, must be tonight.

A shepherd on the hillside, went over my flock
I bide on a cold winter night, a bland of Angels sing
In a dream I heard a voice say,
"Fear not, come rejoice; it's the end of the beginning,
praise the new born King." [Chorus]

I saw it with my own eyes, written up in the skies why a simple herdsman such as I
And it came to pass, he was born at last right below the star that shines on high. *[Chorus]*

Son of a carpenter, Mary carried the light. This must be Christmas, must be tonight. Be tonight, be tonight, be tonight.

Praise Song

"O Holy Night"

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining; it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!

O night divine, O night, when Christ was born.

O night, divine, O night, O night divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,
and in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we.
Let all within us praise His holy name [Chorus 2x]

Praise Song

"Silent 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; 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!

The **floral arrangements** adorning the Chancel this Christmas Eve are given for the Glory of God and in honor of all first responders and healthcare workers during the Covid-19 pandemic by Roselle Williamson.

We are reminded that the shape of the poinsettia is a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem, leading the shepherds to the Christ Child. Its white leaves represent the purity of Jesus emphasizing the deep joy and solemn beauty of the forthcoming Holy Night. The evergreen branches symbolize our hope for an everlasting life with God.

ANEW Band: Corey Merchant, Lead Guitar; Ava Hussey, Vocal; Randy Wallace, Keyboard; Richard Hussey, Bass Guitar; Chuck Power, Percussion.

Acolyte: Julia Brooks

Ushers: Toby Ward, Harry Branton, Jerry Champion, Gerri Watson, Faith Carithers, Chad Mullinix.

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