

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2023
4:30 P.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC		Will Viverette
OPENING SENTENCES		Charles Qualls
*CAROL 103	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	ADESTE FIDELES
*CHRISTMAS LITANY		Charles Qualls

Because Christ has been born in the world,
people who walked in darkness now live in great light.

Because Christ has been born in the world,
the power to oppress and kill will not stand.

Because Christ has been born in the world, we respond in wonder:
With the angels, we sing glory to God;
with the shepherds, we share the good news;
with Mary, we ponder the words of this night,
and the Word that has come into the world: Immanuel.

CELEBRATING HOPE

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 1:18-21	Elizabeth Qualls
LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE		
*CAROL 127	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	MENDELSSOHN

CELEBRATING PEACE

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Isaiah 11:1-9	Elizabeth Qualls
LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE		
SOLO	<i>O Holy Night</i> Melody Tayloe, Soloist	SALLY DEFORD

CELEBRATING JOY

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Isaiah 9: 2-3; 6-7	Elizabeth Qualls
LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY		
ANTHEM	<i>Still, Still, Still</i> Chancel Choir	ARR. ROBERT HOBBY

CELEBRATING LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 2:1-20	Charles Qualls
LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE		
SOLO	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i> Charles Qualls	JOHN JACOB NILES

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Hebrews 1:1-4	Charles Qualls
MEDITATION	The Gift That Arrives Right On Time	Charles Qualls
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		Charles and Elizabeth Qualls
*CAROL	<i>Silent Night</i>	STILLE NACHT
	Chris Gregory, Eliza Rainey, Clayton Turner Guitarists	

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; darkness flies, all is light;
shepherds hear the angels sing
“Alleluia! Hail the King!
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

Charles Qualls

Childcare is provided for all children under five years of age.
The preschool suite is located on the ground floor of the educational
building immediately below the sanctuary.

*The staff of Franklin Baptist Church extends our sincere wishes for a
most joyous Christmas season! Our prayer is that God will continue
to bless us in the New Year!*



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