# \*Hymn

# Silent Night #239

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

Thank you for worshipping with us tonight. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for our worship service.

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

December 24, 2024



Trinity United Methodist Church Tuscaloosa, Alabama

# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

**Gathering Music** 

Dr. Kevin Chance

Welcome

Rev. Penny Ford

Isaiah 9:2, 6

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Nelson family will light the Advent and Christmas candles during the Call to Worship.

\***Call to Worship** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darknesson them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us: Authority rests upon his shoulders and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

#### **Christmas Music**

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ our Savior Was born upon this day, To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Away in a Manger #217

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

#### The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

## \*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing #240

Please stand Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Devotional	Light of the World	Isaiah 9:2

# The Christmas StoryLuke 2:1-14

#### Holy Communion

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Everyone is welcome at the table! This includes children, youth, adults and people of any denomination or no denomination. May we know the grace and love of Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.

After you receive Communion, you are welcome to pray at the altar as long as you'd like. Then please take a candle and make a circle towards the front of the sanctuary. We will close our service by singing Silent Night.

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