

**SILVERSTREET LUTHERAN CHURCH**

120 LONG STREET

SILVERSTREET, S.C. 29145

CHRIST IS THE WORD. LIVE IT!

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Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024

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*The congregation of Silverstreet Lutheran Church welcomes you and invites you to worship with us. The liturgy and hymns are found in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW), the green book in the pew racks.*

*Additional hymns are sung from the blue book, With One Voice (WOV).*

**A Prelude to Worship**

“Ding, Dong, Merrily on High,” arr. Burkhardt- Adult Handbell Choir

**Welcome and Announcements**

“Christmas Joy Medley,” arr. Lanier-Instrumental Trio

**The Service of Worship**

**\*Processional Hymn:** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

LBW #60

**\*Call to Worship:** (Isaiah 9, Titus 2, Luke 2)

Leader: All people are welcome here tonight.

**All: We have gathered to hear the story of Jesus’ birth.**

Leader: All who walk in darkness,

**All: come see a great light.**

Leader: All who hope to see God,

**All: come see the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: All who are simply waiting to see what’s next,

**All: come see the good news God brings.**

Leader: Rejoice before God in the light and glory of this night.

**All: We rejoice that God’s grace has appeared, bringing salvation to all.**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Leader: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

**All: Amen**

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Leader God-with us,

**All: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sins, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Greeting and Kyrie**

LBW pg 57

**\*Prayer of the Day:** (in unison) Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated)

**THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**“What Child Is This,” vs. 1**

LBW #40

Responsive Litany

Pastor: Advent is a time for God’s people to reawaken their longings.

**All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!**

Pastor: Tonight, we long to worship the newborn king.

**All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!**

Pastor: Tonight, we long to hear the good news proclaimed by the angels.

**All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!**

Pastor: Tonight, we long to receive the promise foretold.

**All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!**

The Candle Lighting-Katherine Hawkins and Family

**“What Child Is This,” vs. 2**

LBW #40

**HEAR GOD’S WORD**

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Pew Bible Pg 1072

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 96** (read responsively)

Pew Bible Pg 934

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14  
*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

Pew Bible Pg 1859  
***Response: Thanks be to God***

### **The Service of Candle Lighting**

#### **\*The Gospel Procession**

**\*The Verse:** “Angels We Have Heard on High,” vs 1

\*Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

**\*The Verse:** “Angels We Have Heard on High,” vs 3

Message

**\*Sermon Hymn:** “The First Noel”

**\*Apostles’ Creed**

**\*Sharing of the Peace:** Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

Offering

Offertory: “O Holy Night,” arr. Phillips-Shannon Bowers, flute

Anthem: “All Is Well,” Adult Choir and Young Women’s Ensemble

**\*Offertory:** “Create in me a clean heart...”

**\*Offering Prayer:**

Leader: God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

(sung by congregation)

“Still, Still, Still with Silent Night,” Adult Choir and Young Women’s Ensemble

*The ushers will light the worshipers’ candles at the end of each pew. The light will then be passed. The unlit candle is tipped to receive the flame while the lit candle should remain upright. \*The congregation will join the choir in singing “Silent Night” after the candles are lit.*

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! Shepherd quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, Heav’nly 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 your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at your birth, Jesus, Lord at your birth.

*The ushers will dismiss the congregation row by row from front to back. **Please wait patiently in your pew until the ushers direct you to leave the sanctuary.***

*We will gather at the front of the church for the close of the candlelight service.*

#### **Closing of the service (outside)**

The Blessing:

Leader: The God of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

**All: Amen**

“Go Tell It On the Mountain,” - Children’s Handbell Choir

\*The Dismissal:

Leader: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please remember the following in your prayers:

Shirley Fant, Tayler Grace Kinard, Eric Longshore, Gerald Dominick, LueVester Davis, Robert Dorroh, Wanda Coleman, Pat Malcom, Marlene Moore, Brianna Neel, Peggy Longshore, Nancy Crone, Brenda Lester, Clayton Smith, Judy Bobb, Elizabeth Hayes, Clay Beck, Dianne Hunnicutt, Clarissa Hendrix, Johnny Sligh, and Louella Brehmer.

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*We will always strive faithfully to meet the needs of our members and visitors. If there is an emergency, please contact council president, Kim Crone at (803) 271-1493 or council vice-president, TC Bowers at (803) 960-3033.*

TC Bowers	Casey Lybrand	Alana West
Kim Crone	George Piersol	Jerry Willingham
Johnny Hayes	Christopher Smith	Brandy Wix

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<b>Leader:</b>	Kim Crone
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Harper Piersol
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Mary Grace Bryant
<b>Lay reader:</b>	Katherine Cook
<b>Communion Steward:</b>	Kim Crone

**Altar flowers:** The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Johnny and Mary Ann Hayes.

**Ushers:** Jay Piersol\*, Bryan West\*\*, Jerry Willingham and Alicia Willingham

**Offering counters:** George Piersol\* and April Bryant

**Securing the church:** George Piersol