

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray.

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendor of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn: #133** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*Prayer of Adoration

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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***Hymn: #119** “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Page: NT 58

Hymn: #121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Page: NT 58

Anthem: "Christmas Joy!" Dan Forrest

The Choir

*On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring;
news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.
The King of kings to us is given, the Lord of earth and King of heaven;
Heaven and earth with joy may sing all for to see the newborn King.
then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty? All out of
darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to
God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen!"*

Scripture: John 1:1-5, 14, 16

Meditation

Solo: "O Holy Night" Cappeau/Adams

Sarah McCann, Soprano

*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! Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, O
night when Christ was born! Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, With
glowing hearts by His cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wisemen from the Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly
manger; In all our trials born to be our friend; He knows our need, to our weakness
no stranger; Behold your King! Before the Lowly bend! Truly He taught us to love
one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains he shall 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. Christ is the
Lord! Then ever, ever praise we; His power and glory ever-more proclaim!*

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Response of Praise: Hymn: #147, verse 6**

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.**

A Christmas Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Hymn: #122** “Silent Night, Holy Night”

Benediction: Matthew 5:14-16

Steeple Bell

Postlude

You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.

ABOUT THE CANDLES: Please use great caution in handling lighted candles so as to avoid being burned or burning others with either the flame or hot wax always hold a lighted candle upright. When receiving the light, tip the unlighted candle toward the lighted one. The ushers will move through the church to light the candle of the first person in each row. When the candles are lighted, the remaining lights in the sanctuary will be extinguished and remain out throughout the singing of “Silent Night, Holy Night.” When the hymn is finished, extinguish your candle for the benediction. The sanctuary lights will be restored at the beginning of the Postlude. Please wait until the organ plays to leave your pew.

Ushers: Lindy and Sandy Ballance

Christ Candle Family: Nancy Rowland and Sarah McCann

The Beautiful Christmas Display of Flowers
 In the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God



Conchita Showell	In Honor of the Peacemakers
Jo & Cork Viola	In Memory of Loved Ones
Rick & Chris Fagles & Family	In Memory of George & Peg Twyford, Jean Fagles, Steve Fagles & Al Richmond
Dan & Candy Dunson	In Memory of Our Parents
Jim & Beverly Stoudt	In Memory of Alice & David McCallion
Gail & C.J. Seitz	In Honor of Our Family
Louise Thornton	In Memory of Loved Ones
Scott & Amy Selheimer	In Memory of Norma Haverstick & Charles Selheimer
Bruce & Kay Gordon	In Honor of Our Grandchildren
Dan & Shirley Knox	In Memory of Bobby Knox
Earl & Janet Reed	In Memory of Loved Ones
Nancy Rowland	In Thanksgiving for the Congregation of New Castle Presbyterian Church
Pat & Dave Taylor	In Memory of Our Parents
Kris Krawczyk	In Honor of Nancy Rowland and her giving spirit
Ginny Appleby	In Memory of Dick Appleby
Carol & Gene Mayhew	In Honor of Rev. Nancy Rowland
Sandy, Lindy & Nicole Ballance	In Memory of Elisabeth Ballance
Chuck & Joan Smith	In Memory of Charles W. Smith
Eileen Larkin & Jennifer Dunham	In Memory of Richard & Lillian Mathiesen
Rob & Julie Barry	In Honor of Rev. Nancy Rowland and In Memory of Loved Ones
Dean & Lyn MacEwen	In Memory of Loved Ones
Nanette Nichol	In Memory of Loved Ones

This Week

SUNDAY 12/25

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

10:30am All Family Worship

11:30am Fellowship Hour @ Manse

The church office will be closed Monday 12/26 & Friday, 12/30.

Pastor Nancy is on vacation December 26-28.