

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ . . . As a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, . . . Through your Son Jesus Christ, with your Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen*

**GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

\***CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE** *Silent Night, Holy Night* - Gruber      See Insert

✦ **BENEDICTION**      Rev. Eiland

✦ **ORGAN POSTLUDE**      *Unto Us A Boy Is Born* - arr. Whitworth



**Church Street  
United Methodist Church**

214 Church Street  
Selma, Alabama 36701

*Christmas Eve*  
**Candlelight Communion Service**  
Thursday, December 24, 2020 ~ 5:00 P. M.

Color: White

**CHIMES FOR WORSHIP**

**WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS**

Rev. Lance J. Eiland

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*And the Angels Sang - arr. Peterson*

*The First Noel/It Came Upon the Midnight Clear/Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Rev. Eiland

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Eiland

*Pastor: But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*

**People: To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.**

*Pastor: And because ye are sons, God hath sent for the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

**People: Wherefore, thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.**

**\*CANDLELIGHT CAROLS**

See Insert

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Rev. Eiland

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
We have broken your law,  
We have rebelled against your love,  
We have not loved our neighbors,  
And we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Hear the good news:*

*Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Glory to God. Amen.**

**VOCAL MEDITATION**

*Cherish That Name - Wolfe*

Mr. Gordon Welch

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 9:2-7

**SERMON TEXT**

Luke 2:1-20

**CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE**

*The Christmas Story*

Rev. Eiland

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**