



**First Baptist Church**  
7th & Walnut, Lumberton, NC  
a community of faith

*FBC Lumberton is a community of faith  
committed to living out the love of Christ by  
serving God and all people.*



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**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**5:00 P.M.**

**in the Sanctuary of First Baptist Church**

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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## Centering Thoughts for Worship

*We are grateful to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. He came into a world of conflict, hatred, and distrust to sow seeds of peace and justice. Through Him, the gospel of peace and redemption become flesh, lived out in the life of One who was like us, yet also divine. Today, may we discover His seeds of peace that have been placed within us by the Holy Spirit.*

Prelude ..... Dr. Mark Andersen  
*In Dulci Jubilo*

Welcome and Invocation..... Rev. Josh Owens

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle..... The Owens Family

Carol, No. 182 .....Congregation  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

The Angel Visits Mary ..... Dr. Chris Walters  
Luke 1:26-38

Organ Solo ..... Dr. Mark Andersen  
*French Nativity Carol*

The Birth in Bethlehem .....Rachel Diehl  
Luke 2:1-7

Carol, No. 184 .....Congregation  
*What Child is This*

The Angels and The Shepherds..... Christy Strickland  
Luke 2:8-14

Carol, No. 188.....Congregation  
*Angels We Have Heard in High*

The Shepherds Worship..... Rev. Owens  
Luke 2:15-20

Solo ..... Sandra Cox  
*O Holy Night*

Homily..... Rev. Josh Owens

## Sharing of the Light of Christ

Carol, No. 186.....Congregation

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.

Benediction ..... Rev. Josh Owens

Postlude .....Dr. Mark Andersen  
*Gaudete*