

Tuckaleechee United Methodist Church

December 24, 2021 10:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Gathering in Worship

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship From Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

We Hear the Word Proclaimed

***Opening Hymn** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #234

Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 23:5-6

Special Music *“Away In a Manger”* Mike & Mimi Smolka

Scripture Lesson Zechariah 9:9-10

Special Music *“O Holy Night”* Jeff Jopling

Scripture Lesson Titus 2:11-14

Prayer

God of heaven and earth, we are gathered here together to celebrate your great gift to all of us. The gift that the lowly shepherds saw so long ago is the same gift of love offered to us. Show us how to be those great examples of love! Empower us to run out and tell the world about your life changing message.

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:1-20

Meditation “Running From Jesus” Pastor Rudesill

The Reception of our Offering

The offering received tonight will benefit Camp Wesley Woods and their most recent campaign, so we will continue to have camping ministries in the future.

Offertory From No. 221

What can I bring Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part, yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

Special Music *“Let My Light Shine”* Mike & Mimi Smolka

***Hymn** *Go, Tell it On the Mountain* #251

Responding to the Word Proclaimed

A Service of Holy Communion & Candlelighting

***Closing Hymn** Silent Night, Holy Night #239

(Sung acapella at the close of the Candlelighting)

***Benediction**

Behold the Lord proclaims to all the earth, “Your salvation has come! You are my holy people, the redeemed, whom I have sought out, never to be forsaken.” As God delights and rejoices over you, go in peace, rejoicing in the Lord. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

Please return your candles and leave in peace!

We are happy to have had your company in worship tonight. Please visit us again in the future. Tuckaleechee UMC is glad to host people from all over the country. Our regular service hours are 8:30am and 10:45am on Sundays. Tonight, you became part of the mission work of our church!

God is really at work here! By the grace of God, Tuckaleechee UMC many kinds of people. We engage in Bible study for better reflection on God's word. We support recovery for those with addictions. We support the homeless and the poor in our local area and region through Second Harvest distributions, and mission trips. We have sponsored people to go on missions in Latvia! We receive offerings to offer scholarships for Tuckaleechee's college students and to kids who go to summer camp. Tuckaleechee UMC also supports missions in Zimbabwe through food buckets. We participate in the Walk to Emmaus program, which offers people spiritual enrichment. We hope you were able to see God's love, as that is our goal at Tuckaleechee UMC. We welcome you to be with us on a regular basis and join us in the work that God is doing here!

We will offer New Year's Eve communion for families from 6-8:00pm. Come as individuals, groups, or families and receive blessing prayers for the New Year and receive the bread of God's word!

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