

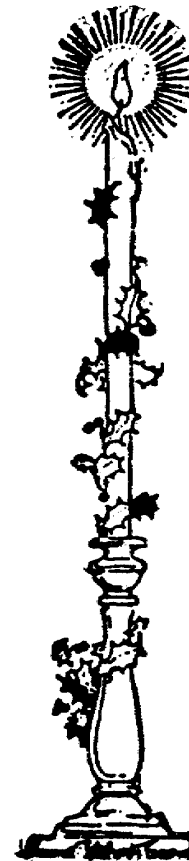
**CHAPEL HILL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We welcome all our friends and guests this evening,  
Especially those from *Sonrise Community Church*.

We hope that our celebration will draw you closer to  
Jesus, who is the reason for the season!



Following the Candlelight Service,  
Everyone is welcome to stay for  
*Chapel Hill's Christmas Joyfest* :  
A Potluck Smorgasbord,  
A time of games and fun,  
a visit by "Saint Nicholas,"  
and the Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange.



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DECEMBER 22, 2002**

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### INVOCATION

**Scripture Readings:** Colossians 1:26-27; 1:13,14; John 3:16  
**Prayer**

### THE ETERNAL ONE

**Hymn # 193 “O Come All Ye Faithful”**  
(lighting of the Advent Wreath)

**Scripture Readings:** Colossians 1:15-20a; John 1:1-5;  
Hebrews 1:1-3

**Hymn # 166 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”**  
(During the singing of this hymn, worshippers are welcome  
to light candles in remembrance of loved ones)

**Silent Prayers and Reflection**

### PREPARATIONS

**Scripture Readings** Luke 1:26-38; 39-56; 57-80;  
John 1:6-18

**Hymn # 172 “Of The Father’s Love Begotten”**

### NATIVITY

**Scripture Readings** Luke 2:1-7

**Poem: Love Story** (Calvin Miller)

She waits while over there he knocks. Again refused! Nor is there place throughout the town. Be strong as steel lest Joseph sense the pain you feel. It's yet a while till you lie down to sleep. "There's nowhere else to go tonight," he said. She fought the burning in her eyes rebuked her tears before they fell. Starlight crowned the cold, small town with fiery skies. He took her in his arms and that embrace dissolved the desperation they faced. "I paid the stable rent," he said with shame. "Your son will come tonight," she said. He gave a kiss. Joy hushed the night. Salvation came – an infant whimper from the shepherd's cave.

(Lighting of the Christ Candle)

**Hymn # 195 “Silent Night”**

**Meditation:** Asst Pastor Barry McWilliams

### EXALTATION

**Scripture Readings:** Luke 2:8-14

**Hymn # 184 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**

**Scripture Readings:** Hebrews 1:1-13; 2:7-8 Luke 2:15-20

**Hymn # 203 “All my heart Today Rejoices”**

### BENEDICTION

**Scripture Readings** John 1:9-14; Luke 2:21-35

**Hymn # 171 “Joy to the World”**

**Scripture Reading** Ephesians 1:3-12

**Closing Prayer**

