

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025** **6:00 PM**

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# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

\*Those who are able are invited to stand      \*\*\*Indicates times for ushers to seat worshipers  
*As a courtesy to other worshipers, please silence your cell phones. Thank you.*

*Welcome to Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church for a time of worship. Greet each other in Christian love being mindful of those who need some time for quiet meditation.*

**Prelude**                      “*Still, Still, Still*”                      Salzburg Melody c. 1819  
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**Welcome** Pastor Linda  
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**Opening Choir Anthem**      *“God Is Near”*      Joel Raney

**Christmas Eve Call to Worship – *The Angels’ Message: Welcome*** Mike Moore

Leader: Tonight, we gather with joyful hearts to receive God’s greatest gift.  
**People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

Leader: Tonight, we hear again the good news that was given for all people.  
**People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

Leader: Tonight, we join in steadfast wonder at God’s amazing love.  
**People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

Leader: Tonight, we welcome the Savior whose birth has forever changed our lives.  
**People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

**Lighting the Christ Candle** Nancy Larson and Joanne Wales

Tonight, we light all the candles. The first candle reminds us that Jesus Christ is the gift of hope to a world in need. The second candle calls us to believe that just as God's wonder filled that first Christmas night, God still works miracles today. The third candle calls us to trust God's unfolding plan. The fourth candle calls us to embrace God's unchanging word. And tonight, we light the final candle, as we celebrate God's amazing love by welcoming the birth of our Savior.

**Choir Response**                      *“God Is Near”*                      Joel Raney

**\*Prayer of Invocation** (*In unison*)  
**Gracious God, our Advent journey has culminated in this night. Love has been born and**

**our world is forever changed. Unto us a Child has been born. Unto us a Savior has been given. As we celebrate the coming of Christ, open our eyes to see your wonder, open our hearts to know your joy, and open our lips to tell of your glory. Amen.**

<b>1st Reading</b>	The Light of the World	John 1:1-9	Mike Moore
<b>Carol # 191</b>	<i>"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"</i>		

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	The Prophecy of the Messiah	Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7	Darlene Conti
<b>Carol # 184</b>	<i>"What Child Is This"</i>		Verses 1 & 2

<b>3rd Reading</b>	The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary Luke 1:26-35, 38	Chuck Jones
<b>Carol # 189</b>	<i>"Angels from the Realms of Glory"</i>	Verses 1 & 2

<b>4<sup>th</sup> Reading</b>	Jesus is Born	Luke 2:1-7	Linda Myrick
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**Solo**                      “O Holy Night”                      Adolphe C. Adam  
                                *Joanne Wales, Soloist*

<b>5<sup>th</sup> Reading</b>	The Shepherds Hear the Good News	Luke 2:8-20	Jim Ellison
<b>Carol # 229</b>	<i>"The First Noel"</i>		Verses 1 & 2

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Reading</b>	The Wise Men Bring Their Gifts	Matthew 2:1-11	Beth Moore
<b>Carol# 229</b>	<i>"The First Noel"</i>		Verses 3, 4 & 5

**Christmas Homily** Pastor Linda

## Christmas Prayer

## Lighting the Candles

It is our tradition to celebrate Christmas Eve by passing the light to each other using candles. As you receive the light, pass it along the row. Tip your unlit candle into the flame so that it may take hold. Do not tip your lit candle! When all the candles are lit, we will remain seated and sing “Silent Night,” recalling the light that shone in the darkness that wondrous night of miracles. (Words are printed below.)

*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!*

*Let us hold up our candles.... Consider the beauty of our lights shining together. Christ is the light of the world and the hope of all our tomorrows! May we be witnesses of the light Christ brings. As you gently extinguish your candle, carry the light of Jesus' love with you.*

#### **Benediction**

Leader: A green shoot will sprout from Jesse's stump, from his roots a budding Branch. The life-giving Spirit of God will hover over him. Christ is born! Merry Christmas to all!

**People: Christ is born! Merry Christmas to all!**

“...and you shall be called ministers...”

Ministers: all members of Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Linda Hartley

Worship Leader: Mike Moore

Organist: Margery Jones

Choir Director: Margery Jones

Choir Accompanist: Marilyn Drummond

Oak Lawn Choral Bells Directors: Marilyn Drummond & Bob Kolb



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Lynn Woodmansee and Loved Ones  
  
Our Parents  
Parents and sister  
Those we have lost  
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Ellison, Richard Lauer,  
    Mr. & Mrs. F.R. Lauer, E. Helen Pierce, Brad Burgener,  
    Mr. & Mrs. William Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Vonderohe & Mr. & Mrs. Scott Lewis  
Loved Ones  
Rita Wright  
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In loving memory of the December birthdays of my  
    grandmother, Dorothy Sperry and my mother Barbara Sharp  
Loved Ones  
Harold & Miriam Larson and Loved Ones  
Curtis Miner  
Roy & Verna Pearson, (Papa) Ron Petrarca and  
    (Grampa) Brian Bouchard  
The Randall Family & The Rasberry Family  
Arnold, William, Wilber and Alexis  
Scott Lewis  
Charles & Helen Wales and Loved Ones

By:

Rennae & Greg Bell\*  
Bob, Judy, Robin, Kristen and  
    Jeff Butzier & James Marsocci  
Judith & Michael Coletta  
Darlene Conti  
Rick & Stacey Cunningham  
The James Ellison Family  
  
Marilyn Emery\*  
Her daughter, Ellen Greene\*  
Chuck & Marge Jones  
Lynne Kemp \*  
Bob & Dee Kolb  
  
Roger and Beth Lamarre  
The Larson Family\*  
His loving wife, children & grandchildren.  
Pam Pearson & Jenna Antunes\*  
  
Earl & Ann Randall  
Carol Rathbun\*  
Corinne Ricketson\*  
The Wales Family\*

Poinsettia's Given in Honor/Celebration of:

Families  
Donna & Jon Carriere  
In celebration and honor of family who still surround us  
    and those who have gone Home to Glory  
Our daughter, Heidi Noel Haderthauer's December  
    Birthday  
The Blessing of our wonderful Church family

By:

Elizabeth Drew  
Judith and Michael Coletta  
The Drummond Family\*  
  
Bob and Dee Kolb  
  
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