



*Outdoor Christmas Eve
Service*

**Oak Grove
Church of the Brethren**

December 23, 2020

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Gathering

Song	<i>Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord</i>	Haskell
Hymn	<i>O come, all ye faithful</i>	# 212
Scripture		Luke 2:1-16

Following the Shepherds

Hymns	<i>Silent night, holy night</i>	# 193
	<i>The first Noel</i>	# 199

Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

Advent 2020, a poem in five parts

Prayer

Almighty God, you have favored us with the greatest gift ever given: Jesus, your only begotten Son, true God of true God, light of light eternal.

May we never take your gift for granted, may our songs of praise never fade, may the depths of our love be measured in the faithfulness of our following.

May hope, peace, joy, and love ring in our hearts

and reverberate through our communities tonight—and every night—in the name of Jesus the new-born King.

Amen.

You are the light of the world; your light shines in our darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

We are the light of the world; may our light shine before others, so they may give you glory!

Lighting the Christ candle

Song *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* Sears/Willis
Jon, Jessy, Nicki Wilson, Caroline Caplen

Scripture John 1:1-5, 10-14

Message *Jesus, the light of the world*

Carol *Angels we have heard on high* # 197

Departing with joy in our hearts

Scripture Luke 2:17-20

Song *O Holy Night* Adam/Cappeau
Dan and Kris Tilly-Lubbs

Candlelighting

Song *Joy to the World* # 318

The FM transmitter (91.5 FM) will be utilized this evening if you would like to tune in from your vehicle.

O come, all ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the king of angels.

O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Silent night, holy night

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.

The first Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay-in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Angels we have heard on high

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and what mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let Earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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