

Prayer: (Responsive)

One: Amazing God, this is the season for miracles and we pray
for one today.

Where there is sorrow,

All: We pray for Your grace to light the darkness.

One: Where there is despair,

All: We pray for Your hope to light the darkness.

One: Where there is hatred,

All: We pray for Your forgiveness to light the darkness.

One: Where there is war,

All: We pray for Your love to light the darkness.

One: Where there is confusion,

All: We pray for Your peace to light the darkness.

One: Where there is injustice,

All: We pray for Your courage to light the darkness.

One: Where there is fear,

All: We pray for Your joy to light the darkness.

One: It is the season for miracles and we pray for one today:
Come, Lord Jesus, may Your light come into our world.

All: Amen.

Carol: #13 ‘O Come All Ye Faithful’

Benediction:

Our retiring offering is in support of St. Columba's Hospice.

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*“Oh, Christmas isn't just a day. It's a frame of mind”
(Kris Kringle: A Miracle On 34th Street)*

Wilson Memorial Church



Christmas Eve Service

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019
11:30pm**

A Heart For The Community

Call To Worship:

One: The Prophet Isaiah said: *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.*

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

One: The Priest Zechariah said before the birth of John the Baptist: *By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

One: The Evangelist John said: *What has come into being in Him was life and the life is the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

One: God is with us and is coming into our lives in a new way. The birth of the Christ-child is the renewal of hope and a reminder that Jesus will come again. Keep watch for the light; it is drawing near.

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

Carol:

‘O Come, O Come, Emmanuel’

O come, O come, Emmanuel,	O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free
And ransom captive Israel,	Thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
That mourns in lonely exile here	From depths of hell Thy people save,
Until the Son of God appear.	And give them victory o’er the grave.

<i>Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel</i>	<i>Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel</i>
<i>Shall come to thee, O Israel.</i>	<i>Shall come to thee, O Israel.</i>

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee. O Israel.

Prayer: (Unison)

God of surprising Love and Hope, we come this evening to the manger, gazing lovingly on the Child born to bring hope to the world. Open our hearts tonight as we hear the story anew. Help us to be guided by the Light of Jesus Christ, that we may truly feel the power of Your love and bring that love, with joy, to all we meet. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

The Christ Candle:

One: Tonight, the Christ Candle stands in the middle of our worship to remind us of the Light of God’s love in Jesus Christ. This light is not separate from the others, but is in the midst of them, that Christ’s love may shine in all we do.

All: We light this Christ Candle as a sign of Hope. Peace, Joy and Love in our lives. God has called us from darkness and has given us a great light, and the darkness shall never overcome it.

The Christ Candle Is Lit

Telling The Story:

Luke:2: 1-7

Carol: #4 ‘One In Royal David’s City’ (vv.1-3, 6)

Luke: 2: 8-15

Carol: #10 ‘While Shepherds Watched’ (vv.1-4)

Luke: 2: 16-20

Reflecting On The Story:

The Miracle Of The Manger

Carol: # ‘Away In A Manger’