

*Christmas Eve
Family Contemporary Worship*



*First United Methodist Church
Myrtle Beach
Sanctuary
December 24, 2020 @ 5PM*

Praise Song "Christmas Must Be Tonight"

Come down to the manger, see the little stranger
wrapped in swaddling clothes, the prince of peace
The wheels start turning, torches start burning
and the whole wise men journey from the east.

How a little baby boy brings the people so much joy.

Son of a carpenter, Mary carried the light.

This must be Christmas, must be tonight.

A shepherd on the hillside, went over my flock
I bide on a cold winter night, a band of Angels sing
In a dream I heard a voice say,

"Fear not, come rejoice; it's the end of the beginning,
praise the new born King." **[Chorus]**

I saw it with my own eyes, written up in the skies
why a simple herdsman such as I
And it came to pass, he was born at last
right below the star that shines on high. **[Chorus]**

Son of a carpenter, Mary carried the light.
This must be Christmas, must be tonight.
Be tonight, be tonight, be tonight.

Praise Song "O Holy Night"

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining
till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night, when Christ was born.
O night, divine, O night, O night divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,
and in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we.
Let all within us praise His holy name **[Chorus 2x]**

Praise Song

“Silent 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.

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.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

The **floral arrangements** adorning the Chancel this Christmas Eve are given for the Glory of God and in honor of all first responders and healthcare workers during the Covid-19 pandemic by Roselle Williamson.

We are reminded that the shape of the poinsettia is a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem, leading the shepherds to the Christ Child. Its white leaves represent the purity of Jesus emphasizing the deep joy and solemn beauty of the forthcoming Holy Night. The evergreen branches symbolize our hope for an everlasting life with God.

ANew Band: Corey Merchant, Lead Guitar; Ava Hussey, Vocal; Randy Wallace, Keyboard; Richard Hussey, Bass Guitar; Chuck Power, Percussion.

Acolyte: Julia Brooks

Ushers: Toby Ward, Harry Branton, Jerry Champion, Gerri Watson, Faith Carithers, Chad Mullinix.

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