



# *Christmas Eve*

December 24, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Christ Church, Presbyterian  
Evans, Georgia

# Christmas Eve Service

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*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace. Luke 2:14*

† indicates the congregation standing. • indicates seating of those detained.

• The Prelude ..... Christmas Eve Ensemble

Stan Pylant, *Director of Music*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

We Three Kings

arr. Joel Raney; settings by Stan Pylant

The Words of Welcome ..... The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, Pastor

† The Proclamation of Messiah's Birth (*congregation reads bold type*) ..... Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.**

You have multiplied the nation;

**You have increased its joy;**

They rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest,

**As they are glad when they divide the spoil.**

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder,

The rod of his oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian.

**For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult**

**And every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.**

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

**And the government shall be upon His shoulder,**

**And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,**

**Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end,

On the throne of David and over His Kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it

With justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

**The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will do this.**

† • The Carol of Praise No. 208 (Trinity) – O Come, All Ye Faithful ..... ADESTE FIDELES

The Prayer of Invocation ..... The Rev. Jones

The Prophetic Reading ..... Micah 5:2–5a

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me One Who is to be ruler in Israel, Whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth. And He shall be their peace.

† The Carol No. 201 (Trinity) – O Little Town of Bethlehem ..... ST. LOUIS  
*On the final verse, the children are invited to gather on the steps near the Christmas tree.*

The Children’s Message..... The Rev. Jones

† The Carol No. 204 (Trinity) – Away in a Manger ..... MUELLER  
*The children may return to their seats.*

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*The offering received tonight will go to the ministry of Jews for Jesus unless designated otherwise.*

The Offertory – What Child Is This.....arr. Dan Goeller  
Christmas Eve Ensemble

The Gospel Lesson ..... Luke 2:1–20 (*page 857*)

The Homily – PREPARE HIM ROOM ..... The Rev. Jones

The Lighting of Candles

† The Carol – Silent Night! Holy Night!.....STILLE NACHT

**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,  
Heav’nly 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  
Alleluias to our King; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

† The Benediction

The Organ Postlude – *In Dulci Jubilo*.....J. S. Bach

# Christmas Eve Ensemble

Violins – *Conrad Thomas & Daniel Allen*

Violas – *Scotty Allen & Paul Dainer*

Cello – *Doug Graves*

Bass – *Sara Neal Lokey*

Flute – *Alicia Markyna*

Piano/Organ – *Laura Doss*

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## Welcome

We cordially welcome in Christ's name all who have come to worship with us this evening. If you are visiting with us tonight and do not have a church home, please visit us again on Sunday. In addition to Morning Worship at 11:00 and Evening Worship at 6:00, we have a full program of Sunday School from nursery through youth and adults offered at 9:45 a.m. Infant and child care is offered during all services. Please visit our website, [www.christchurchpres.org](http://www.christchurchpres.org) for more information, or call the church office at 706-210-9090.

## Jews for Jesus

Actually, "Jews for Jesus" began as a slogan. In the late 1960s a moving of the Holy Spirit brought thousands of cause-oriented young people to faith in Jesus, many of whom were Jewish. Moishe Rosen officially founded Jews for Jesus in September of 1973. Rosen, a veteran missionary to the Jewish people, was the executive director of the mission for 23 years. He revolutionized evangelistic methods and materials with his creative approach to communicating the gospel, and was considered by many to be the foremost strategist and tactician in the field of Jewish evangelism. He continued to serve on the Board of Directors until his death in 2010.

In the 1970s, Jews for Jesus opened several branches in the United States. They also began their first secular media outreach with a full-page ad in the New York Times in 1976, started publishing ISSUES as an evangelistic publication for Jewish people, and conducted exploratory witnessing expeditions to Israel and Northern Ireland.

In the 1980s, they grew with the establishment of international branches in cities such as Toronto and Johannesburg. In this decade they also instituted a Masters in Jewish Missions program in conjunction with an evangelical seminary. Placing a value on missionary education, they required any of the Jews for Jesus missionary staff without a higher degree to go through this program.

The 1990s saw the founding of Jews for Jesus in the former Soviet Union, which within the space of seven years became fully indigenized, headed and staffed by Russian and Ukrainian Jewish believers in Jesus. Additional international branches established included London, Paris, Sydney, and Tel Aviv. In May of 1996, David Brickner—a fifth-generation Jewish believer in Jesus—was appointed executive director, having served in various leadership positions throughout his first 17 years with the ministry.

In the new millennium, the Jews for Jesus Israel branch has received "amutah," or official status. They have developed a video department to produce new materials, opened branches in Rio de Janeiro and Essen, Germany, and begun a "Behold Your God" outreach to the 65 cities worldwide that have 25,000 or more Jewish people.



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