

Community Christmas Eve Service
New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Thursday Evening • December 24, 2009 • 6:00 pm

The Prelude **Ben Spicer**, Piano

Lighting of the Candles **Acolytes**

Welcome

*Prayer of Praise: Let us pray together:

Glory to You, Almighty God,
For you sent your only-begotten son,
That we may have new life.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

For you became flesh and dwelt among us
That we may become your people.
Glory be to You, Holy Spirit
For you direct and rule our lives.

Glory be to you, almighty God,
And to your Son, Jesus Christ,
And to the Holy Spirit.
One God, both now and forever.

*Carol **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** **#145**
(Children are invited to gather around the Advent Wreath during the last verse. Parents may come with the very young children as needed.)

Lighting of the Candles in the Advent Wreath

Carol **“Away in a Manger”** **#157**

The First Lesson *Isaiah 9:2-7* **Cherie Rudge**

Special Music **Rebecca Butler**

The Second Lesson *Titus 2:11-14* **Tim Burrow**

*Carol **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** **#141**

The Third Lesson *Luke 2:1-14* **Tom Luipersbeck**

Special Music **“Mary Did You Know?”** **Ben Spicer/Anna King**

Meditation

Rev. Vernon Burrow

The Prayers of the People

The Invitation to Holy Communion (see note on back of bulletin)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Distribution of the Bread and the Wine (unfermented grape juice)

Congregational Praise (Let the congregation join in the singing)

“O Come let us adore Him....Christ the Lord

“We’ll give Him all the glory....Christ the Lord

“For He Alone Is Worthy....Christ the Lord

The Lighting of the Candles (Note: to avoid dripping hot wax, when lighting your neighbor’s candle, the candle that is lit always stays upright, the unlit candle is tilted to receive the flame.)

“Silent Night” - auf Deutsche, then in English **Rebecca Butler**
Flute, Danielle Luipersbeck

*Carol **“Silent Night! Holy Night!”** **#147**

*Prayer of Dedication

Christ, the Light of the World, we ask that you would so dwell within us that we may go forth with the light of hope in our eyes, the fires of inspiration on our lips, thy word on our tongues, and thy love in our hearts.

*Carol: **“Joy to the World” (vs. 1)** **#125**

*Benediction

*Extinguishing the Candles **Acolytes**

*Postlude (You may extinguish your candle following the worship and leave it with the ushers, or take it with you if you desire a memento from this service.)

**All who are able please stand to honor God. (Feel free to stand or keep seated according to your own comfort needs.)*

We welcome all of our neighbors to this 2009 Christmas Eve Service. If you are visiting, please sign one of the pads found in the hymnbook racks. Add your street address and/or e-mail address if you would like a notice of other special services or events here at New Hope that may interest you. New Hope is a place of worship and prayer for all people and our goal is to be the spiritual center for this community.

HOLY COMMUNION is open to all Christians. The Bible says, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (*1 Cor. 11:28*). We take that to mean that the only test before coming to communion is that of self-examination. If you have accepted Christ as Savior and Lord and intend to live the new life in obedience to God you may partake with us. This table is not the Cumberland Presbyterian table. It is the Lord's Table. He wants all His children to come eat and drink with Him and with each other.

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SCHEDULE:

Sundays

9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Morning Worship

5:00 PM – Youth Group Meeting

Tuesdays

6:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesdays

6:30 PM – Mid-week Enrichment Bible Study

