

**Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church  
Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 2020**

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;  
he is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:11*

Prelude Scott Bradshaw

Welcome Pastor Paul

Lighting of the Christ Candle of the Advent Wreath The Bradshaw Family

**This Christmas Eve** we relight the first four candles of the Advent Wreath. HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE. We also light the 5<sup>th</sup> Candle. This is the CHRIST Candle. The color white stands for purity, light, and victory. Jesus is the light in the darkness and the victor over sin and death. Jesus is life- because of Him we have life. Jesus is pure. He who had no sin became a sin offering for us that we might become the righteousness of God.

**Hear the Word of the LORD:**

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

**Let us Pray:**

Heavenly Father have mercy on us! We pray the message of your goodness and love go out into the dark and broken spaces in our world. Open the eyes of people to be able to see you as their Savior, Lord and King! Bring revival into our churches and into the hearts of those searching from their homes. Let your life, light and purity bring peace to your people in a world captured by relentless fear. We thank you for the gift of your Son, who is our hope, peace, joy, love and life! Amen.

Ministry of Music *“Still, Still, Still”* Madeline & Emily Chandler

Hymn #272 *“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”* Congregation  
(All Verses)

Ministry of the Word “The Shepherds” Pastor Paul

Notes:

Hymn # 250 *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* Congregation

Ministry in Music *“Mary Did You Know?”* Leroy Bland

Ministry of the Word “The Savior” Pastor Paul

Notes:

Communion

Ministry of Music *“The Star Carole”* Kathy Wynne

Ministry of the Word “The Star” Pastor Paul

Notes:

Prayer

Hymn #253 *“Silent Night, Holy Night”* Congregation

Benediction Pastor Paul

## A Christmas Masterpiece by *Charles Swindoll*

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

Before time began, God had in His mind's eye a masterpiece—a beautiful picture of grace that His beloved Son, the second person of the Trinity, would illustrate with His life.

Even before the breathtaking splendor of creation, God sketched out His plan for His perfect fellowship with humanity. But not long after He had splashed color on the landscape, the deep, dark shadows of man's rebellious choice to live independently of His grace obscured the beauty of God's work. Coal black, pitch darkness enveloped the scene, and all creation hung in suspense of what God would do. How could God redeem His masterpiece? What could rescue us, the pitiful portraits in whom breathed God's breath?

Then, with a heart weeping for His people, God dipped His brush in Calvary's scarlet ink, wrote His message on a rough wooden banner, and pinned it against an empty sky for all the world to read. Bold, crimson words: "I love you." This is the message of Christmas: Because He loves us, God has come to redeem us—to bring life and color back to our lives, to expel the darkness of our hearts and from our world.

On a rescue mission designed by His Father before time began, Jesus silently slipped into our world, breathed our air, felt our pain, became acquainted with our sorrows, suffered and died for our sins . . . to show us the way out of our darkness and into His glorious light.

This Christmas, may you know the warmth of the Savior's love spreading over you as you never have before. May the beauty of the season remind you of His intense concern for every detail of your life and His great, sacrificial love for you. (Insight.org)

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