

**Advent Wreath Lighting**  
**Buddy & Ann Hogge December 24, 2023**  
**Christmas Eve Service 5p**

**Buddy:** The *1st candle of Advent* reminds us the Christ of our **HOPE** was born.

**Ann: (Lighting of the Candle)**  
**(Lighting the 1 PURPLE Candle)**

**Buddy:** The *2nd Candle of Advent* reminds us that **PEACE** is a gift that we must prepare for.

**Ann: (Lighting of the Candle)**  
**(Lighting of 2nd Purple Candle)**

**Buddy:** The *3rd Candle of Advent* is the candle of **JOY**. It reminds us of the joy the Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her a child who would save and deliver all who believe in Him by faith.

**Ann: (Lighting of the Candle)**  
**(Lighting of 1 Pink Candle)**

**Buddy:** The *4th Candle of Advent* is the candle of **LOVE**. Its light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for His children through faith in Jesus Christ.

**Ann: (Lighting the Candle)**  
**(Lighting of 3<sup>rd</sup> PURPLE Candle)**

**Buddy:** A reading from the Gospel of Luke: “And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so, it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.”  
**(Luke 2:1-7).**

**All:** We light the **Christ Candle** to remind us that the light of the world was born on Christmas Day. The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light. “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder. His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

**Ann: (Lighting the Candle)**  
**(Lighting the 1 WHITE Candle)**

**All:** Almighty God, You have made this night holy by the gift of Your Son, born of the Holy Spirit. Upon Him rested all Your grace, through Him has come all Your mercy. Let His light shine within our hearts tonight even more brightly than it shines from the candles before us. Empower us to hear Your word to celebrate Your everlasting love through the strong Name of Jesus Christ we pray.

**Buddy:** Closing Prayer

# Gloucester Point Baptist Church

5pm

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

December 24, 2023

*Please pick up a candle in the Narthex  
before entering the Sanctuary*

*Recovering the Wonder*

## INTRODUCTION & PRAYER

Pastor Dillon Evans

## READING 1 PROCLAMATION HYMN—89 vs.1 SONG

Luke 1:5—22

Tim Owens

**“Silence”**

Pastor Dillon Evans

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Congregation

“When the Angel’s Song Is Silent”

Chancel Choir

## Reading 2 PROCLAMATION SONG

Luke 1:23—25

Abram Owens

**“Let It Be”**

Pastor Dillon Evans

“What Child Is This?”

Sandy McElfresh

## Reading 3 PROCLAMATION HYMN 107 vs. 1

Luke 1:26—38

Sonya Anthony

**“Herald the News”**

Pastor Dillon Evans

“Oh, Come Little Children”

Congregation

## Reading 4 PROCLAMATION HYMN 96 vs.1

Luke 1:39—56

Jaq Worth

**“Mothers and Sons”**

Pastor Dillon Evans

“Good Christian Men Rejoice”

Congregation

## Reading 5 PROCLAMATION SONG

Luke 1:57—66

Stewart Wood

**“Fear and Wonder”**

Pastor Dillon Evans

“We Three Kings”

Brett & Jeff Cahoon

## Reading 6 PROCLAMATION SONG

Luke 1:67—80

Brian Stewart

**“Prophet”**

Pastor Dillon Evans

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

The Breaks Family

## Reading 7 PROCLAMATION HYMN 95 vs. 1 & 2

Psalms 29:3—10

Debra Wood

**“The Father”**

Pastor Dillon Evans

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Congregation

## Reading 8 PROCLAMATION HYMN 96 vs. 1

John 17:1—5

David Crummett

**“The Son”**

Pastor Dillon Evans

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Congregation

## Reading 9 PROCLAMATION SONG

Luke 2:1—7

**“Birth”**

“The First Noel”

Barry Milligan

Pastor Dillon Evans

Aaron Cirillo

## Reading 10 PROCLAMATION SONG

Luke 2:8—20

**“Don’t Be Afraid”**

“Welcome To Our World”

Ella Evans

Pastor Dillon Evans

Jeannie Barrera

## Reading 11 PROCLAMATION HYMN 88 vs. 1

Luke 2:21—35

**“Waiting”**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Leslie Belvin

Pastor Dillon Evans

Congregation

## Reading 12 PASTOR SPEAKS

Luke 2:36—40

Elaine Owens

Pastor Dillon Evans

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Buddy & Ann Hogge

## LIGHTING OF CONGREGATION CANDLES

*(Please hold your candles up straight for lighting)*

## SONG

“Go Light Your World”

Alyssa Owens

& Connie Stewart

## HYMN 91 vs. 1

“Silent Night”

Sandy McElfresh

& Margaret Sarratori

*Please extinguish your candle and return it  
to the table in the Narthex*



***Merry Christmas!  
Continue to Love God,  
Love Others, and  
Serve Christ in His World!!***