

5th Advent Wreath Lighting
Dec. 24th

Al West: The *1st candle of Advent* reminds us the Christ of our HOPE was born.... **(Lighting the 1 PINK Candle) ...**

Al West: The *2nd Candle of Advent* reminds us that PEACE is a gift that we must prepare for.... **(Lighting of 1 Purple Candle) ...**

Al West: 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**(Lighting of 2nd Purple Candle) ...**

Al West: 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 **Lighting of 3rd PURPLE Candle)**

Al West: 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).**

Al West: & Congregation (Unison): 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.” **(Lighting the 1 WHITE Candle) ...**

Al West & Congregation (Unison): 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

Al West—Closing Prayer

Welcome To Gloucester Point Baptist Church



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5:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2022

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

PRELUDE Alyssa Owens & Barbara Stevens
HYMN 86* "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"
WELCOME/PRAYER Al West, Deacon
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Al West Deacon
(on back page)

SPECIAL MUSIC Alyssa Owens

ANNUNCIATION TO THE SHEPHERDS
HYMN 85* "The First Nowell" Congregation
SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-20 David Crummett

DEDICATION IN THE TEMPLE
HYMN 76* "Oh Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Congregation
SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:21-39 Barry Milligan

WISEMEN VISIT
HYMN 113* "We Three Kings" Congregation
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12 David Crummett

SPECIAL MUSIC Alyssa Owens

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE: John 1:1 Elaine Owens
SCRIPTURE TEXT: Luke 2:7 Sandy McElfresh, Deacon
MESSAGE: "The Garment of Humanity" Sandy McElfresh, Deacon

INVITATIONAL HYMN 89* "O Come All Ye Faithfull" Congregation

*We thank God you are here and hope you get to know
Jesus by receiving His love and His church's ministries.
Please fill out a "Welcome or C.A.R.E. Card" & place
it on the candle table in the Narthex. Thank You!*

COMMUNION

SERVING THE SUPPER Deacons

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN 91* v 1 "Silent Night" Congregation

CLOSING PRAYER Sandy McElfresh
POSTLUDE Alyssa Owens & Barbara Stevens

**Congregation Please Stand*

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

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



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