

Rev. Ward Page, Senior Pastor
Rev. Shannon Speller, Minister of Children, Outreach, and Missions
Barbara D. Glasgow, Minister of Music and Senior Adults
Rev. Faith Layton, Interim Minister of Spiritual Formation
Lauren Glasgow, Minister of Youth
Vivian Adams, Organist
Ted Rood, Assistant Accompanist
Patti Rood, Choir Accompanist
June Sanders, Office Administrator
Candace Heath, Office Assistant
Visit our website at myzbc.org
Our Welcome

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to a place in the sanctuary. May your coming and going be attended with richest blessing.

**** REMINDER ****

The Church Office will be closed beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 21, and will remain closed through Tuesday, December 26.

ZEBULON BAPTIST CHURCH, 400 N. ARENDELL AVE., P. O. Box 366, ZEBULON, NC 27597

Telephone: 919-269-7329; website: myzbc.org

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday –Thursday — 9:00am to 4:00pm

Friday — 9:00am to 1:00pm

*Zebulon Baptist Church
Zebulon, North Carolina
December 24, 2023
5:00 and 7:30 P.M.*

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE — “The Birthday of the King” arr. Smith and Husted

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us!

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

- excerpts from Isaiah 9 (NRSV)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** — No. 103

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” — Wade-Oakeley

WELCOME

***RESPONSIVE READING** No. 101

“A Child Is Born for Us”

***THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

***CHORUS** — “The Christmas Gift”

*‘Tis the Gift of a Savior, ‘tis the Gift of God’s **joy** who came to us from heav’n above. The Promised Messiah born in Bethlehem’s stall came to free His own as the Lord of all.*

Sing, sing a simple song of cheer; an Advent gift for all is here! Sing!

*Sing, for this Holy One is a gift of **joy**, God’s Holy Son!*

SPECIAL MUSIC

5:00 p.m. — “Mary, Sweet Mary”

Sheri Hester, Soloist

7:30 p.m. — “Mary, Did You Know?”

Rev. Ward Page, Soloist

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE READING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY Luke 2:1-20

(Page 46 in New Testament of Pew Bibles)

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

***HYMN** No. 148

“What Child Is This?” Dix-Stainer

CHRISTMAS EVE HOMILY Rev. Ward Page

And Now, with No Further Ado. . .

SPECIAL MUSIC — “O Holy Night” Barbara Glasgow

THE CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION OF GOD PEOPLE

The Words of Invitation, Institution and Blessing

The Presentation of Offerings

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Lighting of Candles

The Singing of Carols

BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** — “Silent Night”

POSTLUDE— “Toccatina” Simone

*Congregation Standing if Able

CCL# 1437762

SL Plus# 20535958

GREETINGS

We welcome all who worship with us at Zebulon Baptist Church this Christmas Eve! May everyone’s celebration of the birth of Jesus be a blessing to you, your family, and your friends. Merry Christmas!

TONIGHT’S OFFERING

Gifts you would like to make to the Ministry Budget or New Day of Zebulon Baptist Church may be placed in the brass offering plates as you come forward to receive the Lord’s Supper or light your candles tonight. Gifts that you would like to make for our hunger offering may be placed in the wooden mangers, also as you come forward for communion or your candle lighting.

Join us for our weekly services:

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 A.M.

WORSHIP AT 10:15 A.M.