

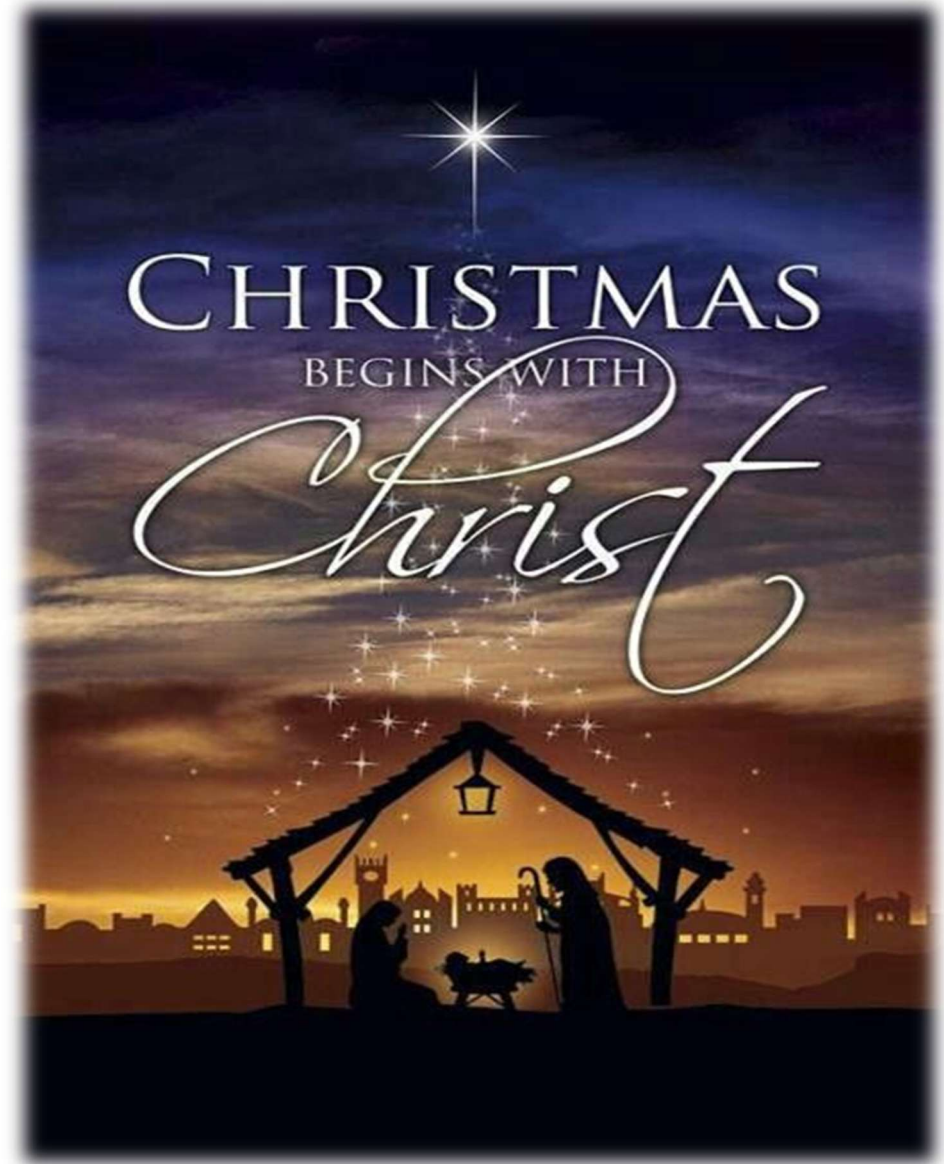
Liturgist: *Samantha Howlett*

“Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.”

Hamilton Wright Mabie

This quote captures the essence of Christmas time. During Christmas Eve, we are united by a common desire for the love, joy, and unity found in the Christ Child. Tonight, on this most Holy night, open your hearts and allow the Lord to fill you with His peace. Kathy and I wish each of you a Merry Christmas, and we are looking forward to our shared ministries in 2026. May God continue to bless each of you!
Pastor Booker

*Ministers: All professing Members of Locust Grove GMC.
Pastor: Rev. Booker Brown, Jr.*



***Locust Grove GMC
Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, December 24, 2025
5:00 PM***

Please Stand as You Are Able)

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

GATHERING

PRAISE SONG

WORDS OF WELCOME

**CALL to WORSHIP*

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

P: Christ, the Savior is born!

L: Sing to the Lord a new song; declare His glory among the nations.

P: We rejoice in the gift of God's Son!

L: Come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all of His people on earth! Amen

**OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)*

Incarnate God, we confess that we frequently fail to welcome You into our hearts and lives. We are so easily distracted by the noise of the season and forget the miracle of Your birth. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to embrace the joy and peace that comes through Christ. We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Pg. 1028)

Isaiah 9:2-7

(Please Stand for the Reading of the Gospel)

GOSPEL LESSON (Pg. 1560)

Luke 2:1-14

SERMON "Love and Grace have Appeared" Pastor Booker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Booker

Hear the Good News! The People walking in darkness have seen a great light. We, who have known darkness and despair, upon us the light of God is shining. In Christ, we have received grace upon grace. In Christ, salvation is made available to all people.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

Pastor Booker

GOING FORTH FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Please note: During our closing hymn, an usher will come forward to light the candle of the person sitting next to the center aisle. Once lit, hold your candle upright and light the candle of the person seated next to you.

CLOSING HYMN "Silent Night, Holy Night " #239, Hymnal