

## John 1:1-18

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.

<sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—  
<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

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became flesh*

AND DWELT AMONG US,

*We have seen His glory,*

GLORY AS OF THE ONLY  
SON FROM THE FATHER,

*Full of grace and truth*

John 1:14 (ESV)

Christmas Eve 2019

Arbor Dale Presbyterian Church

# Christmas Eve 2019

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Call to Worship

*Leader: The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.*

*All: Jesus Christ is the brightest revelation of God's love. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

*Leader: Christ Jesus, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,*

*All: but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*

*Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory,*

*All: the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ~ based on John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-7; Colossians 1:15, NIV*

## Opening Prayer

### Hymn of Light #270 Joy to the World

### Prayer of Confession

*Lord Jesus, This most holy of nights brings me Gladness, Grief, and Joy.*

*Gladness, Because you left the splendor of Heaven's glory to come to a dark and cold world. Because you came to bring the light and warmth of your Kingdom to a world in need of your Love, your Peace, Your Joy.*

*Grief, Because you came into the world,  
Yet the world did not receive You. You came to your own,  
And your own did not welcome you.  
And still today, people turn away from you.  
Indifference and distraction fill our lives and  
sin still scars your creation And our hearts.*

*And Joy, Because you offer perfect forgiveness to  
all who acknowledge their need of you.  
Cleanse my heart tonight, Lord Jesus, so that I may welcome  
you and trust that I am also welcomed by you. Amen*

## Hymn of Love #278 Angels We Have Heard on High

## Scripture and Sermon

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

*All: And also with you.*

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

*All: We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

## Offering\* & Offertory

## Hymn of Rest #253 Silent Night

## Benediction

*\* Tonight's offering will be given to Feeding Avery Families*