

*Welcome In the Name and Love of Christ*

We welcome you to this special service. We hope the presence of God will be felt through all that is said and done this evening. We thank you for sharing together in this service. As we prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate again the coming of our Lord, let us affirm the joy Christ brought to our world. May such joy live within us as we worship the Lord tonight, during the Advent season, and always.

Introduction and Welcome

Pastor

**The Wonder of His Love**

***The Wonder of His Love***

With  
*Joy to the World!*

***Arise***

***Glorious Songs of Old***

Including  
*The First Noel*  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

***Sing and Rejoice***

With  
*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

***We Seek the Christ***

Soloist – Patti Rae Bryant

***Love Was Born***

***How Great our Joy***

With  
*Carols Sing*  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

***The Wonder of His Love – Finale***

With  
*Joy to the World!*

Benediction

Pastor

**Assisting in Tonight's Service**

Pastor  
Chancel Choir Director  
Pianist  
Narrators

Rev. Jeff Wright  
Dr. Nathan Windt  
Gielda Reese  
Kristin Allen  
Nathan Ervin  
Stephanie Huth  
Jordan Wright

**Chancel Choir Members**

**Soprano**

Letha Allen  
Janet Boggess  
Kathy Clark  
Pam Cooley  
Marjorie Guffey  
Laura Beth Herron  
Becky Jaquish  
Jo Ann Littleton  
Mary Sparkman

**Alto:**

Patti Rae Bryant  
Carolyn Delmas

**Tenor:**

Jim Guffey  
Ella Parker  
Billy Yielding

**Baritone:**

Jody Boggess  
Milford Clark  
Wayne Owsley  
Rick Parker  
Jeff Wright

**RECEPTION:** Everyone is invited to a reception in Wattenbarger Hall following the Cantata. We hope you will stay and share in the fellowship.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** A special reminder to join us for our Christmas Eve service on Thursday at 5:30PM. We know this is a busy time for families but we also think it is important to gather as a church family on this special night. The service will feature singing, scripture reading, and a time of candlelight Communion. Bring your family, friends and neighbors and come as you are and share with your church family in this special celebration which helps set the tone for the true meaning of Christmas. We hope that you join us for this special service.



### *The Lord's Light Within*

*Lord we reflect with thankful hearts  
On the wonder of your birth  
The love you expressed when you left  
Your glory to come to earth*

*For your life was like a beacon, Lord  
Shining brightly in the night  
Filling the world with the radiance of  
The Father's glorious light*

*And we, too, long to have inside  
Your light for others to see  
The beautiful reflection of your grace  
And the wonder of your majesty*

*For as your life indwells our hearts  
We can shine wherever we are  
And arise to take hold of each new day  
With your light ablaze in our hearts*

*So rekindle the flame within us Lord  
So it will not flicker nor dim  
Ignite us with the light of your love  
So you will shine brightly within*

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# *The Wonder of His LOVE*

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*Presented by the Chancel Choir of  
Allen Memorial United Methodist Church*

*Athens, Tennessee*

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*5:00 PM*