THE Advent Hymn (sung softly)

WELCOME AND COLONIAL NEWS

OPENING BREATH PRAYER

Breathe in: In God's Light…
Breathe out: I have Peace…

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES   The Gregory/Lawhorn Family

Here I Am to Worship (sung softly)
Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

OPENING PRAYER

(Including time for individual, silent prayers of confession) . . . Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOOD NEWS

Once we walked in the darkness of sin.
Now we live in the light of God's love!
This Light shines in our darkness – and the darkness cannot overcome it!
For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

RESPONSE IN SONG   *Jesus, Name Above All Names* (sung softly)

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

LIVING THE GOOD NEWS

(Please turn and wave to your sisters and brothers in Christ)

THE MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING   **ISAIAH 11: 1-2, 5-9**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. **2** And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. **5** Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins. **6** The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
7 The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. **8** The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. **9** They shall not hurt or destroy

in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

HYMN STORY   *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* (sung softly)

SCRIPTURE READING   LUKE 2: 8-16

[8] And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9] And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. [10] And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; [11] For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [12] And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." [13] And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, [14] "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" [15] When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." [16] And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

SERMON   **The Light of the World Brings Us Peace**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, And The power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (sung softly)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*GO AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Weekly Opportunities at CPC

- Advent E-mails will be sent Monday thru Friday

- Hymn Story - Children's Message - Adult Bible Study - Weekly Prayer Service

    (will be posted on our Facebook page - Colonial Presbyterian Roanoke)

- Youth – Each Sunday Evening and Mid-Day Wednesday

** Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 13th (for the purpose of acting on the

    Nominating Committee Report)