

The Lovefeast & Candle Service

The Lovefeast, used on many special occasions including Christmas, is a worship service signifying brotherly love while sharing a simple meal of coffee and a slightly sweetened bun. It is celebrated in the spirit of the agape meal of the early Christians as they gathered to express their love for the Savior and for one another. The service is not a sacrament of the church.

At Christmas, a Candle Service accompanies the Lovefeast. Each worshipper receives a red trimmed beeswax candle, which has been trimmed by members of our congregation. The red trimmed candle and its flame represent the sacrifice of Christ for us and the flame of love He came to kindle in our hearts. At the end of the service worshippers are invited to hold their lit candles high expressing their willingness to let the love of Christ shine in their lives and help illuminate the world with His love.



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Bethabara Moravian Church

December 24, 2010

Christmas Eve Lovefeast & Candle Service



Band Prelude

5:30 p.m.

Lovefeast and Candle Service

6:00 p.m.

Order of Worship

BAND PRELUDE Bethabara Band

VIOLIN & ORGAN PRELUDE †

CREATIVE CALL TO WORSHIP* "Silent Night"

HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Ode

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LOVEFEAST

HYMN *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* Ode

THE MORAVIAN BLESSING

*Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be
And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.
Bless our dear ones everywhere,
And keep them in Thy loving care. Amen.*

LOVEFEAST ANTHEMS

Prophets Knew — Larson
Silent Night, Starry Night — Page
Only a Baby Came — Sleeth

GIVING OF THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY Go Tell It On the Mountain Simms
Richard Stewart, soloist

MEDITATION Rev. Tripp May

HYMN *Silent Night, Holy Night* Ode

THE CANDLE SERVICE

Thou Child Divine Schultz
*Bethabara Sanctuary Choir
Connie Sapp-Soprano; Phillip Sapp-Tenor*

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Joseph Is a Good Husband Balbastre

We welcome all who participate in this
Lovefeast & Candle Service.

Leading us in the Lovefeast this evening:

Tripp May	Pastor
Daniel Regalado	Band Director
†Janet Stewart	Director of Music and Organist
†Robby Boyles	Violinist
Robby Boyles & Kristy Sapp	Head Dieners
Bill Lackey	Our Coffee Maker

The Adult Choir
The Bethabara Church Band
*The Creative Worship Team:
Jeannie May (director)
Ashley Burton
Susannah Burton
Sara Lee
Megan Taylor