

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2021, 7:00PM



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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GATHERING MUSIC

The good news—that we are loved, that we can love—needs one thing more to make Christmas really real. It needs to be shared.

~Kathy Galloway

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

CHRISTMAS GREETING

“Glory to God!”

“Glory to God in the highest!”

PRELUDE

“O COME, O COME EMMANUEL”

THE CHRIST CANDLE

“Good news of great joy,” the angel said,

“for to you a savior is born.”

“Peace on earth,” the choir sang,

“for God reigns in the highest.”

“Follow me,” the star beckoned,

“For Hope was born in Bethlehem.”

As we light the Christ candle,

we watch for the Christmas story around us.

Emmanuel has come and is coming.

Come, all ye faithful, let us walk in the light of the Holy One.

CAROL

“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

(GTG #133, verses 1-3)

GRANDMOTHERS OF ADVENT

MARY

*An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah...
Joseph was the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born,
who is called the Messiah. ~Matthew 1*

FIRST LESSON

LUKE 1:26-35

CAROL

“HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”

(GTG #119)

SECOND LESSON

LUKE 1:39-45

CAROL

“O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”

(GTG #121, verses 1, 2, 4)

THIRD LESSON

LUKE 2:1-7

CAROL

“AWAY IN A MANGER”

(GTG #114)

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

“MOTHER OF CHRIST”

CAROL

“JOY TO THE WORLD”

(GTG #134)

OFFERING

All offerings received tonight, unless otherwise marked, will go to the Christmas Crisis Fund to be dispersed by IPC to communities in crisis.

RESPONSE

“GLORY, GLORY, GLORY”

(GTG #584)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** ...Therefore we sing with all the heavenly host:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION CAROL

“THE FIRST NOEL”

(GTG #147, verses 1,2,4)

FOURTH LESSON

LUKE 2:8-15

CAROL

“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”

(GTG #113)

FIFTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-14

CAROL

“SILENT NIGHT”

As we sing, GTG #122, we will pass the light of the Christ candle.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“SILENT NIGHT”



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