



Community Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve
24 December 2022

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Heavenly Father, in a world of chaos, you planted a seed of *hope* in a young child.

From that gift, your *peace* grew and spread throughout all creation. We are filled with *joy*, as we light this Christ Candle remembering God's majestic *love* shown through the incarnation and birth of Jesus, your Son. First Reading
Isaiah 9:2-7

Hymn *O' Little Town of Bethlehem*
O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

Second Reading *Luke 2:1-7*

Hymn *O' Come All Ye Faithful*
O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
born the King of Angels.

Refrain:

O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Third Reading

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Fourth Reading

Luke 2:15-20

Reflection

Hymn *Silent Night*

(1) Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

(2) Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:

Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born!
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(3) Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silence

Hymn *Joy to the World*

(1) Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

(4) He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Charge Benediction