

Hymn – 122 (seated)

Silent Night, Holy Night

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| 1. | <i>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.</i> | 3. | <i>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.</i> |
| 2. | <i>Silent Night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."</i> | 4. | <i>Silent Night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
"Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."</i> |

****Benediction**

Thank you to Neil Danzig for operating the sound board this evening!

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*O come,
let us adore Him*



8:30PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016
CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**indicates to stand as you are able

Prelude	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear/Silent Night</i>	arr. D. Torrains
	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> (in Urdu)	Pakistani community
	<i>What Child Is This</i>	arr. P. Keveren
	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> Tom Engle, solo	arr. M. Hayes
	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> Jennifer Seinfeld and Lorri Yawney	arr. J. Raney

Welcome and Announcements

****Opening Sentences** (L: Leader; **P: People**)

L: Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy.

P: To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

L: This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

P: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!

L: Let us go now to Bethlehem.

****Hymn** - 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time you spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...

P: ...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Response	<i>Adore</i> The Band	arr. Chris Tomlin
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Lighting of the Christ Candle		Dr. and Mrs. Rashid Gill
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Responsive Litany

L: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

P: I have put my spirit upon Him, He will bring forth justice to the nations.

L: He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

P: A bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick He will not quench.

L: He will faithfully bring forth justice.

P: He will not fail or be discouraged until He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for His law.

L: Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and what comes from it.

P: Who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it;

L: "I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

P: I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations."

Call to Prayer (sung)

What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.

Christmas Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

Congregational Response (sung)

Why lies he in much mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Chistian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.

Prayer for Illumination

Deliverer God, our Advent journey is fulfilled. We have prepared our hearts and minds for this night's Spirit-filled celebration. We are alert to your presence with us and pray for the grace of insight and understanding as we encounter your Word on this holy night. Amen.

Scripture	Luke 2: 1-7	
Anthem (see insert)	<i>Come, All Ye Faithful</i> (Congregation may sing when invited)	by M. McDonald

Scripture	Luke 2: 8-14	
Anthem	<i>Breath of Heaven</i> Ashlee Hoffman, voice Laura Yawney, oboe	arr. C. Eaton

Scripture	Luke 2: 15-20	
Anthem	<i>Canon de Noel</i> Laura Yawney, oboe	arr. J. Martin

Homily		Rev. Scott Hoffman
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**Hymn – 113	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>
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Offertory	<i>Candlelight Christmas Canon</i> <i>This evening, along with our regular offering, we will collect the Christmas Joy Offering—one of the special offerings of the PC(USA). The monies collected as part of the Christmas Joy Offering will be used to provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families as well as to enable deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. If you wish to give to the Christmas Joy Offering please place your donation in the envelope included in the bulletin.</i>	by M. McDonald
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****Doxology**

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.

The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.

The Festival of Light

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *The Christ candle represents Jesus, the Light of the world. The candle lighting ceremony is symbolic of the spreading of the Gospel Light from one life to another. The lighted candle is never tilted, but always held upright when giving light to another. The candles of the congregation should be extinguished after the last stanza of Silent Night.*