

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!



*all is calm
all is bright*

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**8:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2015
CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Prelude	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i> Trinity Choir Women	arr. J. Rutter
	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i> Jennifer Seinfeld	arr. C. Taylor
	<i>On Christmas Night All Christians Sing</i> Trinity Choir Men	arr. H. Helvey
	<i>O Holy Night</i> Laura Yawney, oboe	arr. B. Walters

Welcome and Announcements

****Opening Sentences** (L: Leader; **P: People**)
 L: Because Christ has been born in the world...
P: people who walked in darkness now live in great light.
 L: Because Christ has been born in the world...
P: the power to oppress and kill will not stand.
 L: Because Christ has been born in the world, we respond in wonder...
P: with the angels, we sing glory to God; with the shepherds, we share the good news; with Mary, we ponder the words of this night, and the Word that has come into the world: Immanuel.

****Hymn** - 108 *Of the Father’s Love Begotten*

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**
God of Love Incarnate, we confess that, with the shepherds, we are terrified of your glory; for in glory’s light we see plainly all that is wrong in the world: how oppression still enslaves; how garments of war are still stained with blood; how those seeking refuge still find no place of safety. We also see what is wrong in us: how passionately we pursue the things of this world, but forget to ponder the mystery of faith; how we do not practice the peace you intend in our relationships, our community, or even in the church. Forgive us, we pray, and help us not to be afraid. Like the shepherds, we want to follow and find you. In the Savior’s name we pray. 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 - (See Insert) *A Tribute of Carols* arr. H. Sorenson
 (congregation may sing when invited)

Lighting of the Christ Candle The Perraud family

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)
**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.**

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 Brad Bruce

Anthem *Christ is Born, Nowell!* arr. P. Choplin
 (Congregation may sing the following when invited)
 Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.
 Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
 Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Scripture Luke 2: 8-14 Tim Holzberg

Anthem *Breath of Heaven* arr. C. Eaton
 Ashlee Hoffman, voice
 Laura Yawney, oboe

Scripture Luke 2: 15-20

Homily Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn** – 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Offertory *He Is Born, Sing Noel* arr. L. Larson
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.

****Doxology** (see insert) *Doxology*

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.