



Community
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of Clarendon Hills



Worship for Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018

3:30 p.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lauren Cochran

*Sung Call to Worship 133 v 1

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*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!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Julie, Philip, and Megan Trowbridge

One: Good Christian friends, rejoice; with heart, and soul, and voice! The light of the world, Jesus Christ, is here!

All: Joy to the world! The Lord has come!

One: (*Light four purple candles*) We have been waiting and preparing, and finally now we say, "Glory to the newborn King!"

All: Christ is born in Bethlehem!

One: (*Light the Christ candle*) Christ rules the world, with truth and grace. Come and worship, come and worship...

All: Worship Christ the newborn King!

**Please rise in body or spirit*

- 1) 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 angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
- 2) Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
- 3) Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Unison Prayer

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

O wondrous God of the stars, we come tonight with wonder to see the baby who will change our lives. We hear the names "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Prince of Peace," and we are in awe. You have touched the earth this night with your unconditional love. Touch us — touch our hearts and minds and souls. May we never tire of this story. May we never take it for granted. May we always be ready to see your light, the light of the world. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:1-7 (N.T. p. 54)

Beth

Anthem

Away in a Manger
Youngest Disciples Choir

CRADLE SONG

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:8-20 (N.T. p. 54)

Megan

One: Holy wisdom, holy word. This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

The Christmas Story

Rev. Lauren Cochran and Lisa Henderson

***Hymn 121 vs 1, 2 & 4**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

1) 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.

2) For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all on earth.

4) O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

*Please rise in body or spirit

Our Offering on Christmas Eve

Beth

Call to Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Breath of Heaven

Amy Grant

Christmas Prayers

Lisa

***Hymn 134 vs 1, 2, & 4**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

- 1) *Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*
- 2) *Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*
- 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.*

***Blessing and Benediction**

Lauren

Postlude

**Please rise in body or spirit*



Reader: Megan Trowbridge
Youngest Disciples Choir
Rachael Henderson, soprano

USHERING THIS EVENING: Matt Vold, Hadley Vold

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

there will be only one morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School will not meet, but there will be special worship bags in the sanctuary. Nursery care for infants and toddlers will be available. Sunday school resumes on January 6th.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ORDERED POINSETTIAS

to decorate the sanctuary. You may take your plants home **after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service** or during office hours of 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 27 and Friday, December 28. Please check for your name on the foil.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will have limited office hours for the holiday.

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 and 26: closed

Thursday and Friday, December 27 - 28: open 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 31: open 8:30am – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019: closed

YEAR-END GIVING

As we approach the end of the year, please consider additional financial gifts to the church. Whether you are completing your pledge for 2018 or providing a gift to honor the season, all gifts are important and will help us end the year according to budget.

To ensure your donations are credited to your 2018 giving:

- please mail donations with a postmark no later than December 31, 2018
- or give on-line by December 31, 2018
- or bring donations to the church office **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 28, 2018.** (Please note the limited church office hours listed above.)

If you have any questions regarding your pledge, please call Laurie Scola, 630-323-6522.

For further information about our programs,
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