

*The Medley of Carols and Lighting of Candles

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King";
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains, They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds, The blessed angels sing.

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.

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Silent Night! Holy Night!

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.

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."

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.

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.

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

Share the Light

A Joyous Christmas

Will Benton, Organist

*All who are able may stand

Merry Christmas!

Stacey Nordmyer

arr. John Leavitt

Christmas Eve 2021

5:30 p.m.



Glory to God

IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH

peace,

GOOD WILL
TO ALL PEOPLE.

LUKE 2:14

Park Lake Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

**Christmas Eve
December 24, 2021**

5:30 p.m.

Prelude Gloria in excelsis Deo G.F. Handel
Will Benton, organist, John Touchart, trumpet Arr. Brian Binder

Lighting of the Advent candles and the Christ candle Anne Gardepe and David Simmons

Duet O Come to Us Emmanuel Joseph Martyn
Robb Ross, Russell Stephens

Call to Worship

Let us go, just as we are, to see what has happened. Let us go with the shepherds:

let us go and find the One of whom the angels sang.

Let us go with those who are wise:

let us go and find the One who brings God's truth to us.

Let us go with the poor in spirit, and in flesh;

let us go with those who are humbled by life:

Let us find the Glory of God born in a stable, and placed in a feeding trough.

Let us go with our friends and family, let us go with our neighbors and with strangers,

let us go with all the children of God:

let us go to find the One who comes to lead us home to God's kingdom.

O come, let us go to the Babe of Bethlehem; O come, let us adore him!

Christ our Lord!

*Carol No. 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Scripture Reading John 1:1-14

Call to Confession and Unison prayer

In the birth of Christ, God draws near to us, offering us his forgiveness and love.

In confession we acknowledge and place before God our broken lives

with faith in God who comes to save us. Let us pray together saying,

Jesus our savior, we come to celebrate your birth and the gift of your love.

Your glorious arrival is enough to cause the forests to sing for joy,

yet we still find reasons to complain and sigh.

Your light of salvation is bright enough to illuminate every corner of our lives,

yet we still find ourselves shrouded in worry and doubt.

Your gift of love is big enough for the whole world,

yet we still find ourselves polarized into opposing groups.

God, you invite us into the light of the stable where the overlooked and forgotten have gathered to celebrate the miracle of your love.

Give us the strength and courage to join you at the manger. *(time of silent prayer)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

This is the good news of Christmas: For us is born a savior who is Christ the Lord.

God's love has come into our lives in Jesus Christ, who forgives our sins and makes the life of love possible for us and for the world.

Thanks be to God! We are born anew in God's love for us in Christ.

*Passing of the Peace

*Carol No. 147 The First Nowell (verses 1-4)

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7

Carol No. 115 Away in a Manger

Children's Christmas Story

Christmas Eve Offering Heaven Sang for Joy Words and Music
Chancel Choir by Nancy Middelman

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-20

Solo O Holy Night
Faith Graves

The Celebration of Communion Hymn No. 347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Invitation

Words of Institution

verse 1 **Let all mortal flesh, keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

verse 2 **King of kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords,
in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.**

Sharing of Bread and Cup

verse 4 **At his feet the six winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia Lord most high!"**

Prayer after Communion