

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES

One: The One who made the stars of night
All: **Is now our Everlasting Light!**
One: Our gloom is banished, fear is gone
All: **The dark of sin gives way to dawn!**
One: To Jesus be all glory given
All: **From us on earth and those in heaven!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelley Miller

Leader: This is good news of great joy for all people!
All: **To us is born a Savior, which is Christ the Lord!**
Leader: Glory to God in the highest!
All: **And peace on earth, good will to all people!**

*HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymnal #249

Verse 1: 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*

Verse 2: Sing, choirs of angels! Sing in exultation
Sing, all you citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest! *Refrain*

Verse 3: Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Shelley Miller

Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Shelley Miller

Leader: The angel told Joseph to name the baby Jesus because He would save the people from their sins. Let's pray together for God's mercy on our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Heavenly Father, on this holy night we savor the joyful music, the beautiful decorations, and the hope of Your Word to us. It also reminds of the tough world we've come here from. We admit that we're part of why the world looks the way it does. Forgive us for being too much part of the problem and not enough of the solution. Help us to accept Your love for us, so that we can take some of the joy, beauty, and hope from here and bring it into the world, for we ask in Jesus' Name, AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Shelley Miller

Leader: For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI

All: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN. AMEN.**

PASSING THE PEACE

Shelley Miller

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

SOLO

O Holy Night

Evelyn Spencer

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20

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SERMON

"Who's In?"

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*HYMN

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

Hymnal #277

Verse 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 th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" *Refrain*

Verse 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 Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel. *Refrain*

Verse 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 men no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

All: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Shelley Miller

Leader: Our offering this evening goes to the Presbyterian Christmas Joy Offering, supporting retired ministers and racially ethnic colleges. Let's give freely as God leads.

OFFERTORY

Away in a Manger

Arr. Muller/Martin

*DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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*HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymnal #253

Verse 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

Verse 2: 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!

Verse 3: 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."

Verse 4: 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.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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