

“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,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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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!
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“Joy to the World!”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n
and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

**Merry
Christmas**
CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2024

**Thank you for joining us for our
Christmas Eve Candlelight service!**

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America
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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Prelude: Georgia Cope & Silas Swick on Piano

Welcome

* **Call to Worship:** Responsive Reading from **Isaiah 7:10-14**

Pastor: Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”

Congregation: But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.”

Pastor: And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?”

All: “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

* **Opening Hymn:** #194 Red Hymnal “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*”

* *Congregation stands*

* **Prayer of Invocation**

Lesson #1: Isaiah 9:1-7

Special Music: “*Manger Throne*” - The James family (Wes, Angie, Caroline, Mary Wesley, Charlie, William and Michael)

Lesson #2: Isaiah 11:1-10

Hymn: #193 Red Hymnal “*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*”

Lesson #3: Matthew 1:18-25

Special Music: “*The First Noel*” - Ellen Singh (Flute Solo, Piano Accompaniment)

Lesson #4: Matthew 2:1-6

Special Music: “*Will You Travel to Bethlehem*” - The Vocal Ensemble

Lesson #5: Hebrews 1:1-14

Hymn: #213 Red Hymnal “*What Child Is This*”

Christmas Homily: “*The Radiant, Only Begotten, and Glorious Son of God*”
- Pastor Wes James

Sacrament of Communion

* **Lighting of the Candles**

* **Hymns:** “*Silent Night! Holy Night!*” and “*Joy to the World!*” (Lyrics printed on the back cover of bulletin)

* **Benediction**

*Thank you for joining us for this special Christmas Eve service.
May you have a Merry Christmas!*