

*Northwood Presbyterian Church*  
Presbyterian Church (USA)  
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*Welcome to Our  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

Saturday, December 24, 2023  
4:30 PM



The Reverend Dr. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
The Reverend Dr. Paul D. Means, Associate Pastor  
Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music  
Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music  
David Furr, Organist  
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications  
Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools  
Rosalie Bradford, Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Jennifer McManus, Director of Children's Ministry  
Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

Voices in Praise

VIDEO

“Jesus Was Born”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Lumia Family

*The reader offers words about the Christ Candle*

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONG

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

**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:* **O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him.**

**O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation.**

**Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above.**

**Glory to God all, glory in the highest. *Refrain***

**Come and behold Him, born the King of angels. *Refrain***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 TO OFFERING

Paul Means

**One Holy Night**  
*A collection of lessons and carols*

SCRIPTURE READING #1

Isaiah 9:2,6

CAROL

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old.  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled.  
And still their heav'nly music floats, O'er all the weary world.**

*Refrain:* **Peace on earth goodwill to men, from heaven's gracious King.**

**And with the woes of sin and strife, the world has suffered long.  
Beneath the blessed angel strain have rolled,  
two thousand years of wrong.**

*Refrain*

**O hush the noise you men of strife, and hear the angels sing, yeah.  
*Refrain***

**The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels' song.  
To hear the angels' song.**

SCRIPTURE READING #2

Luke 1:26-38

CAROL

“Mary Did You Know?”

**Mary did you know that your baby boy  
would one day walk on water?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy  
would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.**

**Mary did you know that your baby boy  
would give sight to the blind man?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy  
would calm a storm with His hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
And when you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God.  
Oh Mary did you know?**

**The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb.**

**Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy  
will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb  
And the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I Am.**

**SCRIPTURE READING #3**

**Luke 2:1-7**

**CAROL**

**“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**

**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 men on earth.**

**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.**

**SCRIPTURE READING #4**

**Luke 2:8-20**

**CAROL**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.**

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly, sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brief delight.**

*Refrain:* **Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Glory be to God on high and peace on earth forever.  
Glory be to God above and peace on earth and in all  
hearts, amen.**

**Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song. *Refrain***

**May there be peace, may there be life. Mercy, justice for all the world.  
May there be truth, may there be love.  
And peace on earth and in all our hearts.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain***

**SCRIPTURE READING #5**

**Matthew 2:1-11**

**CAROL**

**“We Three Kings”**

**We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Field and fountain moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again.  
King forever ceasing never over us all to reign.**

**Refrain: O star of wonder star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright.  
Westward leading still proceeding,  
guide us to Thy perfect light.**

**Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising all men raising worship Him God on high.**

**Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom.  
Sorrowing sighing bleeding dying sealed in the stone cold tomb.  
*Refrain***

**Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice.  
Alleluia alleluia, peals through the earth and skies. *Refrain***

**SCRIPTURE READING #6**

**John 1:1-14**

**CAROL**

**“Peace on Earth/The Little Drummer Boy”**

## LIGHTING OF CANDLES

“Silent Night”

*(Thank you for holding lighted candles completely upright and leaning unlighted candles toward the lighted ones)*

**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

*\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*