

***We will be combining our worship services on Sunday, December 30, 2018.
Please join us at 10 AM that Lord's Day morning for worship.***

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ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2018
7:00 PM

PRELUDE "Christmas Is Coming" Joel Raney
Youth Choir & Elementary Handbell Choir

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: He was with God in the beginning. All things came into being through Him.

Leader: In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

*HYMN No. 41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
**Please stand as you are able.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE The Geary Family

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:44-50

COLLECT (Unison Prayer)

Give us, O God, such love and wonder, that with the shepherds, the wise men, and pilgrims unknown, we may come to adore the Holy child, the promised King and with our gifts worship Him, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN No. 31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2-7

HYMN No. 38 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-14
Richie Bernhardt

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children through 5th grade are invited to come down to the chancel.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-24

HYMN No. 44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Arrival" Hillsong Worship
Scott Hughes, Soloist

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-14
(Page 958 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "A Savior Has Been Born" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN No. 40 "Joy to the World"

ANTHEM "Tidings of Comfort and Joy" Audrey Snyder
Youth Choir & Elementary Choir

SPREADING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*As the ushers spread the flame of the Christ Candle, please be very careful.
Assist children who are holding candles, and be sure to tip the unlit candle towards
the lit one to avoid dripping hot wax.*

*HYMN "Silent Night"

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
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born**

Verse 3
**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**

Verse 4
**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**

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*BENEDICTION

*Please extinguish your candles before you leave your pews, and place the candles
and the plastic holders in the boxes located at each exit door so they can be used
again next Christmas. Thank you.*

POSTLUDE "Today in Bethlehem" Rick Parks