

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS STAR

CALL TO WORSHIP (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The people who walked in darkness.
P: **Have seen a great light.**
L: Those who have lived in a land of deep darkness.
P: **On them the light has shined.**
L: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
P: **Break out into joyful songs, and sing praises!**

*CAROL (Page 31) "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" [Mendelssohn](#)

OPENING PRAYER

*ADVENT HYMN insert "Candles of Advent"

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Tonight we gather with joyful hearts to receive God's great gift.
Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Tonight we hear again the good news that was given for all people.
Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Tonight we join in steadfast wonder at God's amazing love.
Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Tonight we welcome the Savior whose birth has forever changed our lives.
Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING The McNaughton Family

*OUR RESPONSE (in unison)

Tonight we light all the candles. The first candle reminds us that Jesus Christ is the gift of hope to a world desparately in need of it. The second candle calls us to love others just as Jesus loves us. The third candle calls us to experience the joy that is our birthright as children of God. The fourth candle calls us to be a people of peace in obedience to Jesus, the Prince of Peace. And tonight we light the final candle, the Christ candle which reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world, the light no darkness shall ever overcome.

*CAROL (Page 25) "Away in a Manger" [Mueller](#)

THE CHRISTMAS STORY ACCORDING TO LUKE (Part 1) Luke 2: 1-7 (Pew Bible, pg 724) Joshua Beres

CAROL (Page 44) "O Little Town of Bethlehem" [St. Louis](#)

THE CHRISTMAS STORY ACCORDING TO LUKE (Part 2) Luke 2: 8 -20 (page 725) Sadie Beres

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

SETTING OF THE CRECHE

*CAROL (Page 56, v 1-4) "The First Nowell" [The First Nowell](#)

*CLOSING PRAYER (in unison, all present will gather at the front)

Gracious Lord, our Advent journey has culminated in this night. As we celebrate the coming of Christ, open our eyes to see your wonder, open our hearts to know your joy, and open our lips to tell of your glory. For to us a Child has been born, to us a Savior has been given. We pray this in the name of Christ, our newborn King. Amen.

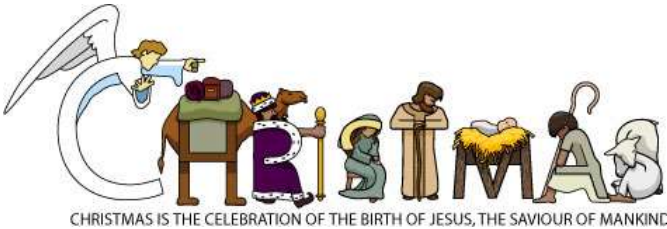
*CAROL (Page 60, v 1) "Silent Night" [Stille Nacht](#)

*THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (Page 40, v-1) "Joy to the World" [Antioch CM](#)

*POSTLUDE

**All who are able may stand*



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Tonight at 11:00 p.m. there will be a service of carols, candles, and communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY

The annual Community Christmas Day Dinner will start with snacks at 11:00 a.m., Christmas Carols in the Sanctuary at 11:30, and the meal will be served at Noon.

SPECIAL THANKS to our readers, musicians, singers, and bell ringers for leading us in Worship this evening and to everyone who has supported Christ's ministry through the church this year.

There is no Ch_rch without U!





We wish everyone a joyful and blessed Christmas.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Corning, New York

December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve Family Service

5:30 p.m.

THE ORDER OF PUBLIC WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Heaven Let Your Light Shine Down"

Featuring Michael McNaughton

A WORD OF WELCOME

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