

The Lycoming Presbyterian Church

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
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When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

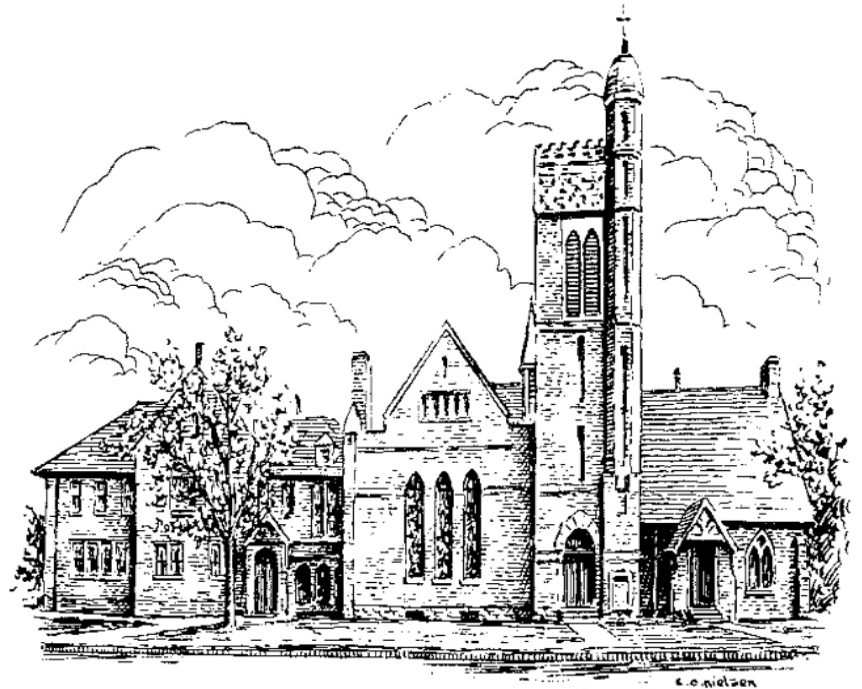
Silent Night

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, Heavenly host 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 redeem-
ing grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*All hymns are from Hymns for the Family of God hymnal.



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THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of the divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

GOOD MORNING
AND
WELCOME TO WORSHIP
IN GOD'S HOUSE

We hope that our visitors will feel at home in the service. To aid your participation, please refer to the laminated worship guide. To make your presence known, please complete a visitor's card provided and place it in the collection plate.

THE VISION OF LYCOMING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Lycoming Presbyterian Church lives to do three things:

- † ***To introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know and love Him;***
- † ***To deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;***
- † ***To demonstrate Christ's way of love in service to the world.”***

CHRIST IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

As the candles are lit, we bid you to seek the Light. May those who sorrow find comfort; the weary, rest; the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; the happy, joy; and to all the sense of God's presence in this, His Holy Place. Let all the world keep silent before Him.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

***Begin your Worship in silent prayer when you enter.
In the silence of your soul God can speak to you.***

PRELUDE

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

REFRAIN: O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again,

King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.

REFRAIN

Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising all men raising, Worship Him, God on high.

REFRAIN

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! Sounds thru the earth and skies.

REFRAIN AMEN.

What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest?

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

REFRAIN: This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

REFRAIN

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own Him;

The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

REFRAIN

WELCOME: If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will visit with us again. Please sign a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate in the back of the church. Thank you.

WELCOME & THANK YOU: We welcome back Rev. Paul Smith this morning and thank him for leading us in worship & we thank Ben Manetta for being our pianist.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING: The attendance last Sunday was 15 & the offering was \$315.00.

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING: The offering last Sunday was \$31.00.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING: Our offering Christmas Eve offering was donated to The Shoe Express at the West End Christian Community Center. \$194.00 was received. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU: Again, we thank you all for supporting the various charities that we supported during the Advent season. You have made so many individuals very happy!

FOOD COLLECTION: *The Deacons are receiving monetary donations for the Food Pantry at the West End Christian Community Center. Donations are greatly appreciated during this difficult time.* Please give generously to this organization that is so willing to help those in need of food. Please put your donations in an envelope marked Food Pantry. Thank you.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Session has called for the *Annual Congregational Meeting* to be held *January 17, 2021* following our morning worship service to review and receive the committee reports of the church and any other pertinent business. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

END OF YEAR REPORTS ARE DUE: Committee reports are due for the Annual Congregational Meeting *by January 12th.*

★ THE BELL TOLLS AND WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

Elder Craig Myers

Beadle

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE GIVEN

★ OPENING HYMN

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

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★ CALL TO WORSHIP

B: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

P: The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

B: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

P: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

B: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

P: The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan, making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

B: O come, Lycoming let us worship the Lord,

P: for God has done wondrous things!

★ OPENING PRAYER

God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence. A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem—Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child. A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that

you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

★ HYMN

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★ PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that too often we have hidden our lives from the Light, or have covered it from being seen. Forgive our sins and our doubts; renew our lives in hope so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ our Lord. Amen.

★ THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Worship Guide)

★ THE GLORIA PATRI (Worship Guide)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 60:1- 6
New Testament	Ephesians 3:1- 13
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 1:1-12

MESSAGE

“Silent Night Miracle Hymn”

-Rev. Paul Smith

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Prayer with Words of Institution

★ Communion Hymn

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Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Closing Communion Prayer

PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE / LORD'S PRAYER

★ WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

(If you are visiting with us today, please sign a visitor's pew card and place it in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary.) If you did not place your offering envelope in the back of the church upon entering this morning, please do so when leaving the sanctuary. Thank You.

THE OFFERTORY

★ THE PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

(Worship Guide)

★ CLOSING HYMN

“Silent Night, Holy Night” (Page 8)

BEARING LIGHT TO THE WORLD

(Acolyte)

★ SAYING THE BENEDICTION

**“May the Lord watch between me and thee,
while we are absent one from another.”**

★ SINGING THE BENEDICTION

“Blest Be the Tie” (Worship Guide)

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: To the Glory and Honor of God.

THIS WEEK AT LYCOMING:

Monday, & Wednesday, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM:

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Hunter's Martial Arts/Warriors for Christ

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 AM - Noon:

Lycoming Nursery School