

## SAINT PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

112 West Peters Street  
December 24, 2020

Owensville, Missouri 65066  
11pm and Livestream

### Christmas Eve

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MEDITATIVE MUSIC AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING PRAYER FOR CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

Holy One,  
we thank you for the glimpse of heaven on earth  
In the faces and the light of those around us.  
Even in the midst of fear,  
of challenge, of struggle—  
even when our view is obscured  
by clouds of doubt,  
You have ignited the flame of hope, love, joy, and peace within us.

**People: Let us glow with its brilliance  
from the inside out. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

\*HYMN: “O Come, All You Faithful” NCH 135

O come, all you faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come now, O come now to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold the ruler of all angels:  
O come in adoration, O come in adoration,  
O come in adoration: Christ is Lord!

PASSING OF THE PEACE (Smile and wave to those around you.)

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

**Luke 2:1-7** “Once in Royal David’s City” NCH 145  
Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for a bed;  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

**Luke 2:8-14** “Angels We Have Heard on High” NCH 125  
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Luke 2:15-20** “The First Nowell” NCH 139  
The first Nowell, the angel did say,  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION AND PRAYER

“O HOLY NIGHT” sung by Robin Schaefferkoetter

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*If you are at home, please use whatever juice and bread you may have. If at church wait until instructed to open your prepackaged wafer and grape juice.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

**LORD’S PRAYER**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*SHARING THE LIGHT

*Light a candle at home. In worship only pass the light with your family group. We will sing the first verse in German, then in English.*

“Silent Night, Holy Night” NCH 134

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schlaf, einsam wacht  
Hur das traute, hochheilige Paar Hoder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

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.

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