

JAMESTOWN ECO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Welcome! It is our joy to worship together as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, who lived, died, and rose from the dead to show the depth of God's love for all people. May the wonderful news of Christ's coming, the assurance of God's mercy and the comfort of His abiding love fill you with peace, hope and joy, now and forevermore.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Gathering Music and Prelude
Welcome

Cindy Loveridge
Pastor Sue Nageotte

Music by the Bell Choir: "Silent Night" & "The First Noel"

Call to Worship

One: We have gathered tonight in glad celebration!

All: We have come to worship God, our Savior: Light in our darkness and Hope of all the world.

One: Sing with joy and spread the Good News, for unto us,
a Child is born! Unto us, God's Son is given!

All: O come, let us adore Him -- Christ, the Lord!

*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #193 Verses 1 & 2

Unison Prayer: Eternal God, Creator of the universe, you have called us to celebrate the birth of your only-begotten Son Jesus. We give you all glory and honor and praise, for – having seen our sin and our sorrow – you have shown the depth of your mercy and grace by sending him to be our Savior. As we hear once again the story of Christ's birth so long ago, let your Spirit fill us anew with reverence and gratitude that this salvation is not ancient history, but alive and available today, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

(by the Good family)

One: Throughout Advent, the candles around this wreath have helped us look expectantly toward this special night:

All: It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.

One: And now, we light the Christ Candle ... *(brief pause)* ... for our long wait is over!

All: Love has stepped down from heaven; the Light of the world has come. Christ our Savior is born!

Flute Duet: "O Holy Night"

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Readings: Matthew 1: 18-25, Luke 2: 1-7 & 2: 8-20

Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" # 192

Scripture Reading: John 1: 1-14

Solo: "Mary, Did You Know?"

A Christmas Meditation

Pastor Sue Nageotte

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer 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 sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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*Hymn

“Joy to the World!”

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Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

Spreading the Light of Christ

Light from the Christ Candle will be passed to the worshippers on the aisle, who in turn will pass the light to the person seated next to them. Please be sure to keep burning candles upright, and tip unlighted candles toward the flame until the new candle is also lighted.

Hymn

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

(See Insert)

(if able, please stand to sing the final verse)

* Charge and Benediction

* We Go Forth in Joyful Song

O come let us adore Him; O come let us adore Him.

O come let us adore Him – Christ the Lord!

* Postlude

**Those who are able please stand.*

Music this evening has been provided by Cindy Loveridge (piano and organ), Bob Hutchinson (vocal soloist), Katie Arnett and Sara Stevenson (flute duet), the bell choir Linda Lorigan, Alice Walker, Amy Good, Ryleigh Good, Abby Good, Jennifer Arnett, Jessica Thomas, Rowan Thomas, Nancy Reinhardt, Janeen Mihoci, Jarron Mihoci, and the joyful voices of God's people. Passages of Scripture were read by Beth Arnett, Jarron Mihoci and Andy Carr.

A special thanks to Carol Henegan for having directed the Bell Choir but was unable to attend tonight's service.

**UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY
IN THE CITY OF DAVID A
SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST
THE LORD.**

LUKE 2:11



Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving *(responsively)*

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts **We lift them up to the Lord**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

O holy Lord, God Almighty, Everlasting Father.

You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them;

You made us in your own image, and kept your covenant with us – even when we fell into sin.

Above all, we praise you, O God, for in your mercy you have not rejected us, but have come to us in Jesus Christ.

He is King of kings and Lord of lords, fully human and fully divine: your eternal Word made flesh, conceived by the Spirit of God and born of the virgin Mary.

Through Christ you have opened to us the door of salvation;

In Christ, and in Christ alone, we are freed from our darkness and brought into your Kingdom of light.

With grateful hearts we remember that he died to atone for our sins, we proclaim his glorious resurrection, and we eagerly watch for the day of his return.

Now, O God, we humbly pray that you would pour out your Spirit upon us and on these, your gifts of bread and wine.

May the bread we break and the cup we share be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ and with all your people, and guide what we say and do, that we would fulfill your purpose of redeeming love in the world.
Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after the Sacrament

Silent Night! Holy 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 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.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS 2020

In loving memory of:

Doug McElhaney
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Paul Reinhardt
Ralph & Nina McLaughlin
Charles Walker
Walter & Ethel Brown,
Charles Brown,
Bob & Sondra Brown
Cal Linhart & Caroline Hodgson
Kathy Hatton, June Brown
Our parents
Albert & Irene Drake
Claude B. & Irene Dickey
Michael A. Henegan, Sr.
Family members who have passed
Phyllis Buck
Lucille Tilly Gay
Our parents
Dad & Jim Rapp
Ellis & Ruth Higgins
Marian H. Simpson
Sgt. Merle Higgins

Given by:

His parents, Pat & Bill McElhaney
Lois Bates
Nancy Reinhardt
Tom & Alice Walker & family
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The Brown Family

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John, Janeen & Jarron Mihoci
Catherine Byerly, Alan Drake, Carol Henegan & families
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Mike & Carol Henegan, Christy Fields & Michael Henegan III
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