

A Service for the Worship of God
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Carols & Candles
December 24, 2022 A.D.
Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Prelude
Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life.

P: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people.

L: Glory to you Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives.

P: Glory to you almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forevermore. Together, let us honor and worship the Lord Jesus upon the eve of His Holy Nativity. Amen.

Special Music – Pamela Carroll and Jessica Hitchcock

THE VISIT

Scripture: Luke 1:26-33 - Meryl Davis

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem #43

The JOURNEY

Scripture: Luke 2:1-5 - Karen Perzia

The Birth of Jesus

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Hymn: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #38

THE MANGER

Scripture: Luke 2:6-7 - Barbara Rinker

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Hymn: Away in a Manger #24

Evening Prayer of Affirmation (In Unison)

Good and gracious God, on this Holy night we praise you for giving us your one and only Son, Lord of the Universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of us all, lying in a manger. May his name be praised in the highest glory as Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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The Christmas Homily: *From Darkness to Light*

Invitation to Holy Communion - Served Plated in the Pews

Lighting of the Christ Candle - John 1:1-5 - The Thompson Family

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Lighting of Candles by Elders/Deacons

HYMN: Silent Night, Holy Night (Refer to Page 4)

Benediction

POSTLUDE

Worshipers will please note that a FREE WILL Offering Plate is located on the stand located center aisle at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience. Thank you and may the Christ Child bless you and your family richly this Christmas.

Silent Night, Holy Night

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STILLE NACHT Irregular

Joseph Mohr, 1818

Trans. John Freeman Young, 1863

Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818

B \flat **F** **B \flat** **E \flat**

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight, Glo - ries
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light; With the

B \flat **E \flat** **B \flat**

vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav-en a - far, Heav-en-ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from Thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

F **B \flat** **F** **B \flat**

Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.