



Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24, 2022

5:00 p.m.



MEDIA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Our Mission is to love God and love our neighbor.

*Our Vision is to be a Christian Community that worships together,
serves together, and grows together in faith.*



Welcome



VISITING TODAY?

If this is your first time worshipping with us, we hope you will feel welcome. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us by phone at 610-566-3944. We also invite you to visit our website at www.mediapresbyterian.org

Leading worship this evening...

Rev. Rose Sparrow, *Parish Associate*

Sebastian Carpenter, *Director of Contemporary Music and Worship, and
Director of Youth Ministries*

Jeanne Cunningham, *Elder and Children's Ministry Committee Chair*



GATHERING

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:10b-11 (NIV)

PRELUDE

O Holy Night

Featuring Keely Schultz

WELCOME

Rev. Rose Sparrow

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

In a time of violence and despair,
An ancient prophet gives good news;

The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulders.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.
We light the Christ candle,
Thankful that God has come to us,
not as a conquering hero
But as a child, whose faithful, peaceful life
Will follow God's way of love.



*** Call to Worship**

Elijah Tamulavage-Johnson

Leader: The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

**All: Light has shined on those
who lived in the land of deep darkness.**

Leader: For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us.

**All: Let the heavens be glad,
let all the earth rejoice!**

*** CAROLS**



O Come, All Ye Faithful

#41 Blue Hymnal

Away In a Manger

#25 Blue Hymnal

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#31 Blue Hymnal



*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jackson Ellis

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we aren't telling the truth.

Everyone has sinned.

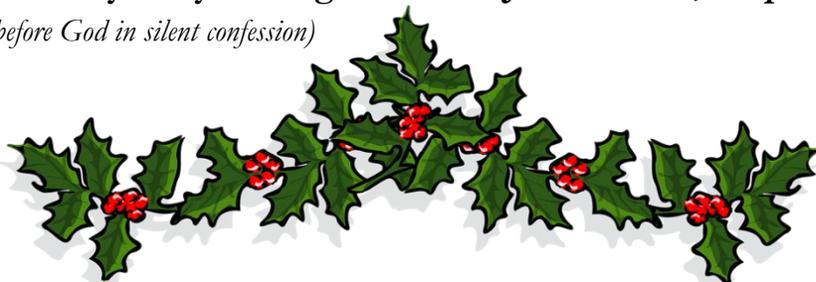
People: But we know that if we are honest about it and confess our sins, God is faithful and just. God will forgive us our sins and clean our hearts to make us right with Him.

Leader: Please join me in a prayer of confession.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Dear God, sometimes this time of year it's easy to get caught up in thinking about decorations, presents, and holiday parties. We are sorry for forgetting to pay attention to the real reason we celebrate Christmas: the gift that you gave us in sending Jesus into the world. Help us to take time to be still and listen, instead of always making noise and rushing around. Open our ears, our eyes, our hearts and our spirits to hear the old, old story of Jesus' birth spoken by new voices in new ways. Remind us of your never-changing love for us. Help us to see the good that we ought to do and choose to do it. Prepare us to serve you by serving others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(a time of honesty before God in silent confession)



*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Kate Ellis



Leader: Hear the Good News! Who is holy and good enough to judge us? Only Jesus Christ, and Jesus came as a baby, grew and taught us, and died on the cross to pay for our sin. Jesus rose again to defeat death. He is our Savior and our loving King! Jesus works on our behalf and keeps his promises. He promises us that anyone who is in Jesus Christ is a new creation - like a butterfly from a caterpillar. The old life has gone, a new life has begun. Know that Jesus the Savior has forgiven us, and be at peace.

All: Because of Jesus, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

EQUIPPING

SCRIPTURE READING

Reading: *Luke 2:1-20* Graham Beaumont, Quinn Gibble, Julia Moore

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Elder Jeanne Cunningham

OFFERING

Come now and kneel before the Christ child. Bring all that you are and all that you have. Offer your gifts in awe, expectation, and wonder.

Mary Did You Know

Featuring Ansley Kauffman

*** DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Evie Schultz

Dear God, you are a good father who gives us good gifts. Everything we have is a gift from you. We thank you for your faithfulness. We give you this offering out of the abundant blessings you have given us. We pray that you will accept it and use it

For your kingdom and your glory.
Lord, bless us and keep us and give us your peace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Annabelle Truitt

The Mood of Christmas By Howard Thurman



I will light candles this Christmas,
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage for fears ever present
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days.
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all year long,



We are thankful tonight that Jesus is the light of the world, and that whoever follow him does not walk in darkness, but has the light of life.

Silent Night

#60 Blue Hymnal

* Candlelight Response

Joy to the World

#40 Blue Hymnal



SENDING

* BENEDICTION

Elder Jeanne Cunningham

* Postlude

Joy to the World (Reprise)

