



GOD

with
us.



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE † DECEMBER 24, 2021

4:00 pm Contemporary Family Worship

A community
centered in Christ,
gathering in love,
growing by grace,
going forth to serve.

Welcome!

We're glad
YOU
are here!

Children & Youth

You are invited to
participate in the
Nativity Scene.
Costumes are in the
Emmaus Room
(back of Sanctuary).
Please join in the story!



A hearing loop is
available.
Please speak to an
Usher.

Gathering Song

Unto Us

arr. Jessica & David Ray, 2016

OPENING PRAISE

Welcome & Lighting of the Advent Candles

Call to Worship (Leaders/People)

Let us go, just as we are, to see what has happened.

Let us go with the shepherds to find the One of whom the angels sang.

Let us go with those who are wise, with the poor in spirit,
with those who are humbled by life.

Let us find the Glory of God born in a stable, and placed in a feeding trough.

Let us go with our friends and family; with our neighbors and with strangers.

**Let us go with all the children of God to find the One
who comes to lead us home to God's kingdom.**

Come, let us go to the Baby of Bethlehem;

Come, let us adore him!

Christ our Lord!

Modern Carols O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. Paul Baloche, 2013

Midnight Clear arr. Myrin, Tomlin & Cash, 2015

HEARING THE WORD

Nativity Scene: The Birth of Jesus

Tonight we hear the story of Christ's birth told using scripture from *The Message*.

Tonight we hope you receive this age-old story with new eyes and new ears!

All children and youth are invited to participate! Costumes are available in the
back of the Sanctuary. The characters will be invited forward during the story.
Parents are welcome to accompany their children forward as desired.

Carols within the Nativity Scene

(Please join in singing! Hymnals may be found under the chairs. You may remain seated.)

Away in a Manger #115, vs. 1

Angels We Have Heard on High #113, vs. 1-2

Joy to the World #134, vs. 1-2

Sharing the Peace of Christ

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A Christmas Eve Offering

Tonight's offering benefits:

- The Christ Presbyterian Church Compassion fund to aid people in need in the Madison community.
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to aid victims of recent tornadoes in our country's heartland.
- Jewish Social Services and Open Doors for Refugees to continue resettlement of Afghan refugees in Wisconsin.

The Offertory

O Holy Night

arr. McClures, 2020

Communion

As you come forward, please receive a pre-packaged cup of juice and wafer for you to take communion safely outside or at home.

All are welcome at the table.

O Little Town of Bethlehem #121

The Lighting of the Christ Candle and Meditation

Distributing the Light of Christ

The greeters will light the candle of the first worshipper in each row. Please tilt your candle to receive the light and hold it upright for your neighbor. Parents, please assist your children in lighting and holding the candles.

Candlelight Carols

Silent Night #122, v. 1-3

A Blessing for Christmas

Please extinguish your candles using the snuffer found in each aisle.

Parting Song

Go Tell it on the Mountain

arr. MercyMe, 2015

Please place your candle in the basket on your way out of the Sanctuary. Thank you for sharing in the joy of Christmas Eve together here tonight.

Merry Christmas!

WORSHIP SERVICE

PARTICIPANTS:

Ministers

The People
Especially the CHILDREN

Preacher, Communion

Rev. Dr. Jessica Patchett

Communion

Rev. Dr. Sharol Hayner

Advent Wreath

The Hughes Family

Worship Dir., Piano, Vocals

Natalie Handley

Children's Ministry Director

Cindy Melrose

Dir. of Family Ministries

Carter Baldwin

Vocals

Trinity Kulp
Laura Mallonee
Maddie Melrose

Acoustic Guitar, Vocals

Derek Handley

Bass Guitar, Vocals

John Itson

Drums

Steve Porter

Strings

Amber Dolphin
Carol Quintana
Jon Vriesacker

AV Team

Pat Green
Ben McKnight
Clinton Otte-Ford

Welcome Team

Sara Lubbers
Helena & Chris
VanderArk
Matt Vieth
Bev Faga
Rebecca Wahl



Unto us a
child
is born.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Join us again:

9pm Candlelight Service

December 26 at 10am

All other Sundays:

9am Contemporary & 10:30am Classical

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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 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.

Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.