

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight



Communion Service

“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, heav'nly 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!

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December 24, 2022

5:00 pm



Christmas Eve

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
John 8:12

Prelude

Greeting Pastor Derek

*The Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" No. 203

Tonight's Advent Readers are Derek and Bethany Coyle and Ellie, Margo, and Everett

Responsive Reading

Reader: But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Congregation: Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

Reader: And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Congregation: And he shall be their peace.

Advent Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-14 ESV pew Bible page 857

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer

*The Hymn "All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord" No. 219

Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Hymn "Away in the Manger" No. 204

Children's Sermon Pastor Reed

*The Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 194

The Message "A Cheerful Sunrise" Pastor Reed
Luke 1:67-79

The Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 224

The Lord's Supper

Please hold the elements when received that we may partake of them in unison. The grape colored cups in the outer ring of each tray contain wine. The clear cups in the remainder of each tray contain grape juice. Gluten free bread is available in the foyer.

Candle Lighting

This tradition declares that the true Light is Jesus, the Messiah. It reminds us that we have received His Light into our hearts by God's grace. It affirms our commitment to take His Light into the world.

As the congregation remains seated the pastors will light the candles at the end of each row. That person is to then light the candle of the next person, and so on.

After all the candles are lit the congregation will stand and sing "Silent Night."

*The Hymn "Silent Night! Holy Night!" (printed on back)

*Benediction

We are called to proclaim that the Light of the world has come! "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

Please extinguish your candles after the benediction leaving only the Christ candle lit. The Pastor will recess with the Christ candle after which the congregation is dismissed.

Postlude

*congregation stand

Please feel free to take a poinsettia home with you tonight.