

Covenant
Presbyterian Church

“A Little Christmas”
Carol Service

December 13, 2020

5:30 pm



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Prelude

Opening Prayer

Pastor Reed

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:11

*For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

Hymn

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And, through all his wondrous childhood He would honor and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

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Special Music

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Ensemble

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-13

There were shepherds in the field watching their flocks at night. An angel appeared with glory of the Lord which frightened them! The angel said, “Don’t be afraid! I bring great news for all mankind! A baby is born, a savior, Christ the Lord.” And all of a sudden, a crowd of heavenly angels were there giving praise and glory to God and peace to all the earth.

Hymn

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he - for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind —
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

"To you in David's town this day, is born of David's line,
the Savior, who is Christ, the Lord, and this shall be the sign.

"The heav'nly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace:
good will henceforth, from heav'n to men, begin and never cease!"

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Special Music

“Soft Winds Over Bethlehem”

The Wilson Family

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:7

*Mary gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in cloths and
laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn.*

Hymn

“Away in a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle, till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

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Special Music

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Mary Peery
and Emmie Peery

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:17

*When the shepherds saw Mary and Joseph and the
baby lying in a manger, they spread the news!*

Hymn

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

refrain: *Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching
o’er silent flocks by night
behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Savior’s birth.

refrain

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

refrain

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Special Music

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

The Sanders Family

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:6

*For to us a child is born, a son is given and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Hymn

“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 heav'n 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!

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Special Music

“O Holy Night”

Mike Walsh
and Mary Peery

Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 1:3

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.*

Hymn

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray;

refrain: *O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.*

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name.

refrain

'Fear not then,' said the angel, 'Let nothing you affright,
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might.'

refrain

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks afeeding, in tempest, storm, and wind:
and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find.

refrain

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Benediction

Pastor Reed

Postlude