



GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Family
Christmas Eve
Service*

Welcome to our online Christmas Eve service.

**You will want to have a candle, individual candles, or glow sticks ready
for the candle lighting during “Silent Night.”**

(For iPhone users, see also the iPhone App “Candle HD” for a virtual candle.)

Thank you for joining us.

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service 2020 — 5pm

Prelude

“Bethlehem Night”

arr. Christine D. Anderson

Kathy Bures, handbells — Linda Dover, piano

Welcome

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

One: There is a surprise coming. Look in a town too small to be noticed.

Look in a stable instead of a house. Look in a feed box instead of a crib.

Look for a poor baby, not a great king. God’s surprise is coming in an unexpected place.

All: The town is called Bethlehem with a stable therein.

It houses three people who couldn’t find an inn.

The feed box cradles a newborn child.

The boy who is born of Mary mild.

We worship him called Emmanuel!

God is with us! Jesus is born!

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Rebecca Prater & Bob Dover

Hymn 110, v 3

“Love Has Come”

BRING A TORCH

Love has come and never will leave us!

Love is life everlasting and free.

Love is Jesus within and among us.

Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.

Love! Love!

Love is the gift of Christmas.

Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

The Census

Rev. Mitch Trigger

Hymn 121, vs. 1

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
O little town of Bethlehem!
How still we see thee lie!
Above them deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**

ST. LOUIS

The Child is Born

Caitlin Hussey

Hymn 122, vs. 1

**“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.**

STILLE NACHT

A Full Heart

Rev. Sue Trigger

Hymn 115, vs. 1

**“Away in a Manger”
Away in a manger, no crib for his 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.**

MUELLER

The Shepherds

Nadine, Hank, and PJ Peck

Angel Chorus

**“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”
Exaltation! — Andrew Alka, soloist — Daniel Cole, drum set
Donna Heer, accompanist & Rebecca Prater, director
*And the bells are ringing: Peace on earth.
Like a choir they’re singing: Peace on earth.
In my heart I hear them: Peace on earth, goodwill to men.***

arr. Mac Huff

Let Us Go to Bethlehem		Alexander Circo
Hymn 113, vs. 3	<p>“Angels We Have Heard on High” Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo.</p>	GLORIA
Mary Pondered These Things		Rev. Mitch Trigger
Anthem	<p>“Everybody Sing! Jesus is Born!” Joy! Singers — Emily Hussey, director</p>	by Milton LeDoux
The Child is Named		Morgan Krug
Anthem	<p>“More Than a Baby” Celebration! Singers — Pam Kelly, director</p>	by Ruth Elaine Schram
Wise Men Follow the Star		Rev. Mitch Trigger
Anthem	<p>“Festive Hodie” <i>(Today Christ Is Born)</i> Exaltation! — Donna Heer, accompanist Rebecca Prater, director</p>	by Greg Gilpin
Herod Meets the Wise Men		Conor Schesser
Chief Priests and Scribes		Carter and Jackson Bucl Rev. Sue Trigger
They Entered the House		Kamden Frye
Hymn 151, vs. 1	<p>“We Three Kings” We three kings of orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar,</p>	KINGS OF ORIENT

Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night;
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!

Warned in a Dream

Rev. Mitch Trigger

Hymn 134

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Joy to the World”
Linda Dover, organist

arr. Wilbur Held

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unusual Christmas Eve service wonderful!***

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All actors in the photo shoot
Especially our holy family — Jake, Hilary, and Abby Schmidt
Joy! Singers — Emily Hussey, director & Celebration! Singers — Pam Kelly, director
Exaltation! Singers — Donna Heer, accompanist & Daniel Cole, drum set
Bob Dover, Rebecca Prater, Sue and Mitch Trigger, vocal quartet
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Kathy Bures — handbell solo
Linda Dover — organist/accompanist
Sue Trigger — coordinator
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