

# Christmas Eve

at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church



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The Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

# Welcome to Christmas Eve Worship at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church!

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## PRELUDE

Joy to the World  
Rejoice and Be Merry  
Sussex Carol  
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen  
Away in the Manger  
What Child Is This?  
Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella

arr. Richard Price  
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arr. Steven Heitzer  
arr. John Iveson  
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## WORDS OF WELCOME

Agnes W. Norfleet

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Katherine Brown & Corinne Brown

## CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

1 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.

3 Jesus is our childhood's pattern;  
day by day like us he grew;  
he was little, weak and helpless;  
tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feels for all our sadness,  
and he shares in all our gladness.

2 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 meek and lowly,  
lived on earth our Savior holy.

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

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION *(in unison)*

Brian K. Ballard

Loving God, it is our duty and delight  
to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels,  
to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem  
to see this thing which has come to pass,  
and to worship the babe lying in a manger.

Give us grace to accept the Christ who comes in your name,  
and the courage to be his faithful disciples  
for the sake of the world you so love. Amen.

**INVITATORY CAROL**

Up! Good Christian Folk, and Listen

arr. Rev. George Ratcliffe Woodward

Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Ding-dong, ding: ding-a-dong-a-ding: ding-dong, ding-dong: ding-a-dong-ding.  
 Up! Good Christian folk, and listen how the merry church bells ring, and from steeple bid  
 good people come adore the newborn King: Tell the story how from glory God came down at  
 Christmastide, bringing gladness, chasing sadness, showering blessings far and wide, born  
 of mother, blest o'er other, Ex Maria Virgine (of the virgin Mary), in a stable ('tis no fable),  
 Christus natus hodie (Christ was born today). Ding-dong, ding: ding-a-dong-a-ding: ding-  
 dong, ding-dong: ding-a-dong-ding.

**THE PROPHECY**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Leigh DeVries

**CHOIR CAROL**There Is No Rose  
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Philip W. J. Stopford

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu: Alleluia. For in this rose contained  
 was Heaven and earth in little space; Res miranda. By that rose we may well see there be  
 one God in persons three, Pares forma. The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in  
 excelsis Deo! Gaudeamus. Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth;  
 Transeamus.

**JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM**

Luke 2:1-7

Franklyn C. Pottorff

**CHOIR CAROL**O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

arr. Dale Warland

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the  
 silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; The hopes and fears  
 of all the years are met in thee tonight. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
 and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth; For Christ is born of Mary; and  
 gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O  
 holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us  
 today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell: O come to us, abide with us,  
 our Lord Emmanuel.

**THE ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS**

Luke 2:8-20

Rachel Pedersen

**CHOIR CAROL**Gaudete  
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Steven Sametz

Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born of the virgin Mary, rejoice! It is now the time of grace that we  
 have desired; Let us sing songs of joy, let us give devotion. God was made man, and nature  
 marvels; The world was renewed by Christ who is King. The closed gate of Ezechiel has been  
 passed through; From where the light rises salvation is found. Therefore let our assembly  
 now sing, sing the Psalms to purify us; Let it praise the Lord: Greetings to our King.

**GOD OUR SAVIOR APPEARED**

Titus 3:4-7

Brian K. Ballard

**CHOIR CAROL**Mary's Lullaby  
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

John Rutter

See the child that Mary bore on her lap so softly sleeping in a stable cold and poor, ox and ass their vigil keeping. Sing lullaby, sing lullaby, my own dear child; Lullaby, sing lullaby; Lullaby my little baby. Flights of angels round his head sing him joyful hymns of greeting: 'Peace on earth, goodwill to men' each to each the song repeating. Sing lullaby, sing lullaby, my own dear child; Lullaby, sing lullaby; Lullaby my little baby. Shepherds kneeling by his bed offer homage without measure; by a bright star led, bring him gifts of richest treasure. Sing lullaby, sing lullaby, my own dear child; Lullaby, sing lullaby; Lullaby my little baby

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

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| <p>1 Hark! The herald angels sing,<br/>"Glory to the newborn King;<br/>Peace on earth, and mercy mild,<br/>God and sinners reconciled!"<br/>Joyful, all ye nations rise,<br/>Join the triumph of the skies;<br/>With th'angelic host proclaim,<br/>"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"<br/>Hark! The herald angels sing,<br/>"Glory to the newborn King!"</p> | <p>3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!<br/>Hail the sun of righteousness!<br/>Light and life to all he brings,<br/>risen with healing in his wings.<br/>Mild he lays his glory by,<br/>born that we no more may die,<br/>born to raise us from the earth,<br/>born to give us second birth.<br/>Hark! The herald angels sing,<br/>"Glory to the newborn king!"</p> |
| <p>2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;<br/>Christ, the everlasting Lord;<br/>Late in time behold him come,<br/>Offspring of the virgin's womb<br/>Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;<br/>Hail th' incarnate Deity,<br/>Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,<br/>Jesus, our Emmanuel.<br/>Hark! the herald angels sing,<br/>"Glory to the newborn King!"</p>  |  |

**SERMON***Do Not Be Afraid*

Agnes W. Norfleet

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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| <p>1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,<br/>O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.<br/>Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;<br/>O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,<br/>O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.</p> | <p>3 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born<br/>this happy morning;<br/>Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;<br/>Word of the Father, now in<br/>flesh appearing.<br/>O come, let us adore Him, O<br/>come, let us adore Him,<br/>O come, let us adore Him,<br/>Christ the Lord.</p> |
| <p>2 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!<br/>Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!<br/>Glory to God, all glory in the highest;<br/>O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,<br/>O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.</p>        |   |

God of mystery and might, we praise and worship you,  
 for you came in silence, while all lay sleeping,  
 to enter our world as a child of humble birth.  
 We thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, born of your handmaid Mary.  
 In Christ's face we behold your glory,  
 for in his life as in his death is your gift of salvation.  
 By your Spirit, make our hearts burn with thanksgiving,  
 that we may give as we have received.  
 Let our whole lives be gifts of praise to you,  
 God of love and peace. In the gracious name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

INVITATION TO CANDLE LIGHTING      John 1:1-5, 14      Rebecca Kirkpatrick

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHOIR CAROL      I Will Light Candles This Christmas      Kim André Arnesen

I will light candles this Christmas; Candles of joy despite all 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. When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among others, to make music in the heart.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL      Silent Night      STILLE NACHT

<p>1    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.</p> <p>2    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."</p>	<p>3    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.</p>
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BENEDICTION      Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE      Improvisation      Jeffrey Brillhart

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Brooke, Charlie & Teddy IV  
The 60th Wedding Anniversary of Dave &  
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The Birth of Evan Keblusck  
The Birth of Michelle LaFarge's  
Grandson 12/1/2020  
Josie Noelle Maskarinec  
The Retirement of Elizabeth (Betsy) LM Miller  
The Birth of Everett Saukaitis  
The Wedding of Andrew Stafford &  
Kelsey Russell  
Jane Wilber & Carol Schmidt for their  
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The Marriage of Ashley M. F. Johnson &  
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