

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 24, 2022 | 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary



WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are glad you are worshiping with us,
and we invite you to participate in future opportunities
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Mainline Musicians

Luigi Mazzocchi and Jennifer Lee, violin
Sarah Sutton, viola
Jessie Reagan Mann, cello

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lighted during "Silent Night." Please return the candle holders as you leave.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Christmas is a joyful celebration. Some prepare by greeting each other with quiet words of
peace, and others wish to prepare in silent attention to the prelude.
Please be respectful of how those around you prepare.

PRELUDE	Grand jeu et duo from Douze Noëls	Louis-Claude Daquin
	Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547	J.S. Bach
	Les bergers (The Shepherds)	Olivier Messiaen
	In Quiet Joy	Jean Langlais
	Desseins éternels (Eternal Designs)	Olivier Messiaen

WORDS OF WELCOME Rebecca Kirkpatrick

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE McKendrick Family

One: People of faith, we have been journeying toward Bethlehem.
All: At last we arrive at the manger of God's gift of incarnate love.
One: We have been called to be hopeful, peaceful and joyful.
All: We are committed to grow in love toward God and neighbor.
One: Tonight we light the Christ candle at the center of the Advent wreath.
All: Because Christ is the center of our lives and the Light of the world.
One: May the light of this flame draw us closer to God in our midst,
All: And the Spirit illumine our path to share hope, peace, love and joy.

Please rise as able.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL Once in Royal David's City IRBY

1 (Choir) 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 (All) 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.

Please be seated.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION (in unison)

Brian K. Ballard

Great God of heaven, and Prince of Peace on earth,
 on this holy night we gather –
 to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory;
 to sing with angels, rejoicing in your wonders;
 to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promises;
 to sit with Mary, cradling your love.
 May the good news of this night inspire us
 to tell the world of our great joy;
 for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.
 Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.

INVITATORY CAROL

What Sweeter Music

John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our
 heav'nly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence
 away, and give the honour to this day that sees December turn'd to May. Why
 does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a
 meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden? Come and see the cause, why things
 thus fragrant be: 'Tis he is born, whose quick'ning birth gives life and lustre, public
 mirth, to heaven and the underearth. We see him come, and know him ours, who,
 with his sunshine and his show'rs, turns all the patient ground to flow'rs; The
 darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him. The
 nobler part of all the house here is the heart, which we will give him; and bequeath
 this holly, and this ivy wreath, to do him honour, who's our King, and Lord of all
 this revelling.

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2-7

Leigh DeVries

CHOIR CAROL

Salvation is Created

Paul Tschesnokoff

Salvation is created in the midst of the earth, O our God. Alleluia.

JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM Luke 2:1-7

Franklyn C. Pottorff

CHOIR CAROL

The Snow Lay on the Ground

Leo Sowerby

The snow lay on the ground; the stars shone bright, when Christ our Lord was
 born on Christmas night. Venite adoremus Dominum. 'Twas gentle Mary maid,
 so young and strong, who welcomed here the Christ-child with a song. She laid
 him in a stall at Bethlehem; the ass and oxen shared the roof with them. Venite
 adoremus Dominum. Saint Joseph too was by to tend the child, to guard him, and
 protect his mother mild. The angels hovered round and sang this song: Venite
 adoremus Dominum. And thus that manger poor became a throne; for he whom
 Mary bore was God the Son. O come, then, let us join the heavenly host to praise
 the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Venite adoremus Dominum.

THE ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS Luke 2:8-20

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

*Please rise as able.***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL** While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks WINCHESTER OLD

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| <p>1 While shepherds watched
 their flocks by night,
 all seated on the ground,
 the angel of the Lord came down,
 and glory shone around.</p> <p>2 "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
 had seized their troubled mind:
 "Glad tidings of great joy I bring
 to you and humankind.</p> <p>3 (Women) "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:</p> | <p>4 "The heavenly babe
 you there shall find
 to human view displayed,
 all humbly wrapped in swathing bands,
 and in a manger laid."</p> <p>5 (Men) Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
 appeared a shining throng
 of angels praising God, who thus
 addressed their joyful song:</p> <p>6 "All glory be to God on high,
 and to the earth be peace;
 good will to all from highest heaven
 begin and never cease!"</p> |
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*Please be seated.***CHOIR CAROL**

Shepherd's Carol

William Billings

Methinks I see a heavenly host of angels on the wing; methinks I hear their
 cheerful notes, so merrily they sing. Let all your fears be banished hence, glad
 tidings I proclaim; for there's a Saviour born today and Jesus is his name. Seek not
 in courts or palaces, to Bethlehem repair and follow the star to see your God who
 lies in manger bare. The lowly child whom you will find is not of common birth,
 but second in the Trinity, the son of heaven and earth. Around the shepherds
 throng, exulting in the three-fold God and thus addressed their song. To God the
 Father, to Christ the Son and Holy Ghost adored, the first and last, the last and
 first eternal praise afford.

GOD OUR SAVIOR APPEARED

Titus 3:4-7

Brian K. Ballard

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.****CHOIR CAROL**

O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the newborn
 Lord, lying in their manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear
 the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

SERMON*The Wonder of this Holy Night*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Please rise as able.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

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

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING Franklyn C. Pottorff

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "For Unto Us a Child is Born" from Messiah G.F. Handel

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(in unison)* Franklyn C. Pottorff

Wonderous God, you bless our days with hope, peace, love and joy. We honor you with what you have given us by returning to you the offerings of our lives. We thank you for the goodness of this holy moment, and pray that you accept our praise for the gift of a little child lying in the manger, the reconciliation of the world. May we go forth with loving kindness following Christ for your glory; we pray in the name of the Holy Child of Bethlehem. Amen.

Please rise as able.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
- 2 True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO CANDLE LIGHTING John 1:1-5, 14 Rachel Pedersen

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The candle lighters will light their candles from the Pastors' candles.

They then will light the candle of the first worshipper in each pew

who will pass the light down the pew.

When the light comes to you, please tip your candle toward the lighted candle.

CHOIR CAROL Candlelight Carol John Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky? How can you measure the love of a mother? Or how can you write down a baby's first cry? Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him. Seraphim 'round him, their vigil will keep. Nations proclaim him their Lord and their saviour, But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep. Find him in Bethlehem laid in a manger Christ our redeemer, asleep in the hay. Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation, A child with his mother that first Christmas Day. Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow Shine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawn Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing "The Christ child is born."

Please remain seated.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL Silent Night, Holy Night!

- 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.
- 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."
- 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.

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Improvisation

Agnes W. Norfleet

Jeffrey Brillhart

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