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Service of Christmas Eve

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Honor God.
Welcome All.
Embody Christ's Reign.

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

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Welcome

Reflection and Preparation

“For you know the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by this poverty you might become rich.” *2 Corinthians 8:8*

Christ is Born, let us glorify Him this night!

Christ has come from Heaven,

Let us go out to meet Him.

Christ is on earth,

And yet He is still exalted above the highest Heaven. Therefore, how can we not worship the Infinite who became an infant for our salvation? *Gregory the Theologian*

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

***Call to Worship**

PASTOR: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has Light shined.

PEOPLE: **For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

PASTOR: Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

ALL: **Hallelujah! The Kingdom of our God has come; His light shines in the darkness and the darkness will never overcome it!**

***Opening Prayers of Adoration**

PASTOR: Today, He who holds the whole creation in His hand is born of a virgin. He whose essence none can touch is bound in swaddling-clothes as a mortal man. God, who in the beginning fashioned the heavens, lies in a manger. He who rained manna on His people in the wilderness is fed on milk from His mother's breast. The Bridegroom of the Church summons the Wise Men; The Son of the Virgin accepts their gifts. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel: Who alone does wondrous things.

ALL: **Blessed be His glorious Name forever! May the whole earth be filled with His glory!
Amen and amen!** *Psalm 72:18-19*

PASTOR: Let us pray:

ALL: **Good and gracious God, You gave us Your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. Therefore, on this night, draw us into the mystery of Your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing Your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the One for Whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, Messiah and Lord, Who lives, and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

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PASTOR: That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind:

ALL: **O Lord our God: Receive the praise we offer You as our evening sacrifice; make us to be flaming torches for Christ; delivered by Your grace from the works of darkness, may we firmly hold onto Your Word of life, for Your glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. And hear us now as we pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray: Our Father...**

***Carol of Entry**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—The Christ Candle

John 1:1-14

READER: We light the last candle of Advent, the Christ Candle. We light a candle to remind us that Jesus is the promised seed of the woman, the Light of the world. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Song

“Come Light Our Hearts”

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm Reading: Psalm 96

READER: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

PEOPLE: **Sing to the LORD, bless His Name; tell of His salvation from day to day.**

READER: Declare His glory among the nations,

PEOPLE: **His marvelous works among all the peoples!**

READER: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

PEOPLE: **He is to be feared above all gods.**

READER: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

PEOPLE: **Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

READER: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

PEOPLE: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His Name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

READER: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

PEOPLE: **Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!**

READER: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.”

The Song of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

READER: My soul magnifies the LORD:

PEOPLE: And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

READER: For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden;

PEOPLE: For behold, from henceforth, all generations will call me blessed.

READER: For He that is mighty has done great things for me,

PEOPLE: and holy is His Name.

READER: And His mercy is on those who fear Him

PEOPLE: from generation to generation.

READER: He has shown strength with His arm;

PEOPLE: He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

READER: He has put down the mighty from their thrones,

PEOPLE: and exalted the lowly.

READER: He has filled the hungry with good things,

PEOPLE: and the rich He has sent away empty.

READER: He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy,

PEOPLE: as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.

ALL: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Carol

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Epistle Reading: Titus 2:11-14

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

READER: This is the Glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Glory be to You, Lord Christ.

The Carol

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Prayers of God's People

United to Christ, Who has united Himself to our flesh forever, we offer intercessions for those we love, the Church, and the world in which He has begun to make all things new.

PASTOR: O Jesus, Son of the Living God, splendor of the Father, Eternal Light, King of Glory, Son of Righteousness, Son of the Virgin Mary:

PEOPLE: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

PASTOR: O Jesus, we love You and worship You; Your Name is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace:

PEOPLE: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

PASTOR: O Jesus, You are powerful, patient, obedient, meek, and lowly of heart, and You love us and desire us to be pure in heart:

PEOPLE: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

PASTOR: O Jesus, Father of the poor, Treasure of the faithful, Good Shepherd, true Light, inexhaustible Wisdom, boundless Love, our Way and our Life:

PEOPLE: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

PASTOR: O Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world:

PEOPLE: **Grant us Your peace!**

Christmas Eve Meditation

***Spreading of the Light**

PASTOR: Arise, shine; for your Light has come. As our Lord Jesus himself has told us, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

PASTOR: Behold, the Light of the world has come and the darkness will never overtake it!

As the candles are lighted say to one another, "Behold, the Light of the world!"

***The Carols**

"Silent Night", "Joy to the World"

***The Song of Simeon**

When he took in his arms the infant Word made flesh

PASTOR: Now dismiss your servants, O Master, according to Your Word, in peace: For our eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to be revealed to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.

***The Sending**

PASTOR: May Christ, who by His Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and things Heavenly, grant you fullness of peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, this night and always.

ALL: **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

PASTOR: Christ is born!

PEOPLE: **Glorify him!**

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

9:00 & 10:45

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,"
declares the LORD. Is. 59:20

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

REFRAIN

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Come Light Our Hearts

Words and Music by
Sandra McCracken

CHORUS

F

B \flat



For You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait.

For

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F

B \flat

F



You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait.

Tru - ly our hope is in You,

3rd time to Coda \oplus

VERSE

10

C

F



tru - ly our hope is in You.

1. O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, Your ra - diance

2. O joy a - bove all oth - er loves, in You we

15

B \flat

C



shines on all who look to You in the dark. Em - man - u - el

find more than e - nough. We come as we are;

O heal and re -

18

F

D.C. al Coda



come, come light our hearts.

For

-store, come light our hearts.

\oplus Coda

21

F



You.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Words by Charles Wesley
Tune by Rowland Hugh Pritchard
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1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;

9 from our fears and sins re - lease us let us find our rest in thee.
come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!

17 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
O'er the hills the an - gel's sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:

25 dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
"Go to him your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

3. Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeem-er, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder Christ was born the Lord of all.

4. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spir-it rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Words by Charles Wesley Music by Felix Mendelssohn



1. Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, — "Glo-ry to the new-born King; Peace on earth, and



mer-cy mild, — God and sin - ners rec - on-ciled!" Joy-ful, all ye na-tions rise, —



join the tri-umph of the skies; — with th'an-gel-ic host pro-claim, "Christ is — born in



Beth-le - hem!" Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry — to the new-born King!"

2. Christ by highest hea'vn adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleas'd as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel,
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

3. Come, Desire of nations, come, fix in us Thy humble home;
rise, the woman's conqu'ring Seed, bruise in us the serpent's head.
Now display Thy saving pow'r, ruined nature now restore;
now in mystic union join Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

4. Adam's likeness, Lord, efface, stamp Thine image in its place:
Second Adam from above, Reinstat' us in Thy love.
Let us Thee, though lost, regain, Thee, the Life, the inner man: O, to all
Thyself impart, formed in each believing heart.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

5. Hail the heav'nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Silent Night

Words by Joseph Mohr Music by Franz Gruber
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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep-herds quake at the sight;
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light;
4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night Won-drous star, lend thy light;

Round you vir - gin moth - er and Child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts — sing
Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -
With the an - gels let — us sing, Al - le - lu - ia

ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, —
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Sav - ior is born, —
deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, —
to — our King; Christ the Sav - ior is born, —

Sleep — in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ — the Sav - ior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Christ — the Sav - ior is born!

Joy To The World

Words by Isaac Watts Music by G.F. Handel

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1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come; let earth re -
2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her King! Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
na - tions prove the glor - ies of His right - eous -

room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His
and heav'n and na - ture sing,
and

sing, and hea'vn and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as, the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.
heav'n and na - ture sing.