



SECOND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

# Christmas Eve

Candlelight and Carols



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Building Community ❖ Transforming Lives ❖ Engaging the World

# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHT AND CAROLS

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As you came in the stillness of night, great God, enter our lives this night. Fill us with the light of Christ, that we may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak and the life to live. As we peer into the face of the child of Bethlehem, may we discover anew a world in need of your love and redeeming grace. Amen.

## THE PRELUDE

How Far Is It to Bethlehem  
Still, Still, Still  
What Child Is This!  
Of the Father's Love Begotten  
Noel *Votre bonté grand Dieu*  
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Paul Manz  
Paul Manz  
Richard Elsasser  
Wilbur Held  
Claude Balbastre  
Wilbur Held

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Haley Ables

**Leader:** The Word has become flesh.  
**People:** And made his dwelling among us,  
**Leader:** Full of grace and truth.  
**People:** Behold, Jesus Christ is born.

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Olivia Benz

### \*CAROL #41

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

## ADVENT LITANY

Claudia Benz

## CANDLE OF HOPE

Michelle Lucas  
Grant Chaddock

Isaiah 7:13-15

**Leader:** The dark purple candle on the Advent wreath is lit to symbolize the hope of God's people who wait on the Lord's coming.

**People:** Long ago the prophets told that God would send the Messiah to save the people from their sins.

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (first verse only)*  
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

VENI EMMANUEL

\*Those who are able may stand.

## CANDLE OF PEACE

Ben Higgins  
Maddie Higgins

Isaiah 9:2-7

Leader: The lavender candle on the Advent wreath represents peace. This candle is lit to remind us that Jesus is indeed the Prince of Peace.

People: **The prophets of old foretold that God would send one who would restore a long awaited heavenly peace.**

*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus (first verse only)*  
Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sin release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

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## CANDLE OF JOY

Hannah Dennis  
Anna Funke

Luke 2:8-20

Leader: We light the blue candle on the Advent Wreath to symbolize the joy that the birth of Jesus Christ brings to angels, shepherds, pilgrims, and people throughout the ages.

People: **May the good news of great joy come into our hearts and fill our lives.**

*Joy to the World (first verse only)*  
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.

ANTIOCH

## CANDLE OF LOVE

Claire Liechty  
Anna Savery

John 3:16-17

Leader: The pink candle on the Advent Wreath symbolizes the gift of God's love through Jesus, the Christ.

People: **The Gospels proclaim that Love has come. May the power of Christ's love transform our lives.**

*Angels We Have Heard on High (third verse only)*  
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.

GLORIA

\*Those who are able may stand.

**CHRIST CANDLE**

**Bethany Downs  
Amelia Auberry**

**John 1:1-5**

Leader: Throughout Advent, the wreath and the lighting of the candles symbolize our time of waiting for the coming of Christ. As we have heard, the candles represent our hope; our peace; our joy; and our love found in the coming Christ Child.

People: **Tonight, we light the Christ candle. May the light of Christ shine in and through us.**

**\* CAROL #38**

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (all verses)*

CAROL

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

**Maddie Downs**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Christmas Joy*  
Edson Youth Choir

arr. Terry Kirkland (1940-2001)

On Christmas night the singers sing,  
The dancers dance and ringers ring.  
Peace, love and joy to all the world!  
Peace, love and Christmas joy to you!

O come and join the Christmas song,  
Come dance the dance and sing along.  
Peace, love and joy to all the world!  
Peace, love and Christmas joy to you!

So here's our wish for you tonight:  
All peace and joy and love and light.  
Peace, love and joy to all the world!  
Peace, love and Christmas joy to you!

**\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO; GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO.**

**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Sarah Holt**

\* CAROL #60

*Silent Night, Holy Night! (all verses)*

STILLE NACHT

(After you receive candlelight during the singing of Silent Night, please light your neighbor's candle.)

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 heaven 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!

\*BENEDICTION

Annie Merritt

THE POSTLUDE

**May the peace and joy of Christ dwell with you tonight and through all the year.**

At the end of the service, please return your candles and holders to the large containers at the doors.

## **USHERS AND GREETERS**

Chad Baker  
Madeline Brown  
Emily Gould  
Kaitlyn Pulos  
Gretchen Nihill  
Wil Savery  
John Scheil  
Allison Shivers  
Sam Soldatis  
Jake Timberlake

## **CANDLE LIGHTERS**

Haley Ables  
Ava Buckley  
Ryan Downs  
Jessica Estabrook  
Ryan Flaherty  
Sean Goempel  
Nathan Higgins  
Ana Johnson  
Emily Pulos

## **SECOND WINDS**

Kristofer Sanchack, Director of Youth and Children's Music  
Flute – Karen Archbold, Cindy Hamlin  
Clarinet – Rachel Stemme  
Alto Saxophone – Cindy Colter  
Tenor Saxophone – Alex Reese  
Cornet – Marvin Van Voorhis  
Trumpet – Mark Booher, Curtis Shirley  
Trombone – Brent Embrey, Larry Lawhead, Dan Ristine  
Euphonium – Andy Reese, Jeff Reese  
String Bass – DJ Butcher  
Percussion – Hannah Dennis, Fred Warbinton  
Organ – Wes Colter

## **EDSON YOUTH CHOIR**

Kristofer Sanchack, Director of Youth and Children's Music  
Amelia Auberry  
Lucy Gaha  
MacKenzie Haboush  
Emily Pata





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## *Youth Ministry Staff*

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Stephanie Bewley, Coordinator of Middle School Ministries  
Tyler Wolfcale, Coordinator of High School Ministries  
Brian Shivers, Associate Pastor for Youth and College Ministries



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## *Music*

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Dr. Michelle Louer, *Director of Music & Fine Arts*  
Dr. John Allegar, *Organist-Assistant Director of Music & Fine Arts*  
Kris Sanchack, *Director of Second Winds Ensemble and Edson Youth Choir*



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## *Christmas Joy Offering*

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**Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ** by giving generously to the Christmas Joy Offering. Fifty percent of the offering supplements inadequate retirement income and provides supplemental medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers, and their families.

The other fifty percent supports the Presbyterian Church's long commitment to promote education through establishing and supporting racially ethnic schools and colleges. Christmas Joy Offering funds provide scholarships to deserving students as well as help with basic operating costs.

Please use the special envelopes in the pew rack for your Christmas Joy Offering, and make checks to Second Presbyterian Church with "Joy Offering" on the memo line.

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## *Memorial Poinsettias*

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*Those who have donated to the Memorial Poinsettia Fund may take a poinsettia home after the 11 p.m. service tonight. Please **only** take the plants from the slate floor of the Sanctuary or Chapel hallway and the north atrium entrance around the Christmas tree, but please leave the plastic saucers.*

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