



Christmas Eve • Camp Hill Presbyterian Church • December 24, 2024 • 7:30 p.m.

Welcome, and Merry Christmas!

*Childcare is available from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 3 of the Kuhn Education Wing.
We also invite children to use our activity area in the sanctuary.*

Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth (rear of sanctuary).

Greeting you today are Ann & Roger Hummel and the Rothman family.

In the audio/video booth are Bud Swartz and Monica Zazworsky.

Byron Mikesell directs the Chancel Choir and plays organ; Dave Getz directs the Brass Choir.

Leading the service is Pastor Nancy Conklin.

*Our Christmas Eve offering is being given to Christian Churches United's
Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven Overnight Shelter.*

*Tonight's liturgy is from Sanctified Art's "Words for the Beginning." ©A Sanctified Art LLC
Tonight's anthems are excerpts from the cantata "Where Love Leads: A Christmas Musical,"
words and music by Russell Mauldin and Sue Smith, arranged by Russell Mauldin.*

GATHERING FROM OUT OF THE DARKNESS

Prelude

Carols of the Advent and Christmas Seasons

The CHPC Brass Choir

Kellen Mikesell, violin

Dave Getz, clarinet

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Dave & Judy Thompson

L: In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again? Where do we start?

P: **Let us begin with hope. Let us begin with peace. Let us begin with joy. Let us begin with love.**

L: Yes, let us begin with love, for surely love knows your name. This night, we light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. For surely God is in this place. Surely the Spirit is near. Surely love knows our name.

P: **May we rest in that good news. Unto us a child is born. A light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. Glory to God in the highest heaven! Amen.**

(The Advent candles are lit.)

(Asterisk indicates those who are able should stand. Bold indicates congregation's participation.)

All singing:

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
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!*

*Call to Worship

L: In those days, in the beginning, Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem. He was to be registered, and she was expecting a child. The time came for Mary to give birth, so she delivered her child, wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger.

P: And the angels sang “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to all whom God favors.”

L: Let us worship our with-us God.

P: Let us sing our songs of praise!

*Carol 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful
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!*

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!*

*True God from true God, Light from light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Very God, begotten, not created!*

[Refrain]

*Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!*

[Refrain]

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!*

[Refrain]

*Prayer of Approach

Gracious God, as you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives this night. Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence, that we may clearly see the way before us, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE PROMISE OF A SAVIOR

First Reading (OT, p.638)

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Carol 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*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.*

*For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.*

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

*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 NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Second Reading (NT, p.58)

Luke 2:1-8

Anthem

Where Love Leads

The Chancel Choir

*Where love leads, you will find hope,
Where love leads, you will find peace.
We love leads there's something eternally true.
Where love leads, a Savior is waiting for you.*

*It's a season of joy with plans in the making
To gather the family near.
Each house is a glow, and somebody waits
With a welcome this time of year.
Wherever you go, your heart seems to know.*

*It's a season to come and gather together,
To worship the child who was born.
Wherever he reigns it, it's Christmas forever,
And wonder thrills us once more.
The news of his birth is filling the earth.*

Third Reading (NT, p.58)

Luke 2:8-20

Anthem

*How Great Our Joy
The Chancel Choir
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!
This gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.*

*How great our joy!
Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy!
Joy, joy, joy!*

*Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

Congregation and the Chancel Choir
*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 world, the savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel. Rejoice! Rejoice!

Meditation

“Words for the Beginning: Love Knows Your Name”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GIFT TO US

Fourth Reading (NT, p.2)

Matthew 2:1-12

Anthem

Let the Stable Still Astonish Us

Dan Forrest and

Molly McBride, alto

Leslie Leyland Fields

Seneca Mikesell, cello

Let the stable still astonish;

Straw dirt floor, dull eyes, dusty flanks of donkeys, oxen;

Crumbling, crooked walls; no bed to carry that pain

And then ... the child, rag-wrapped, laid to cry in a trough.

Who would have chosen this?

*Who would have said: “Yes, let the God of all the heavens and earth
be born here, in this place?”*

*Who, but the same God who stands in the darker, fouler rooms of our hearts and says,
“Yes, let the God of all the heavens and earth be born here in this place.”*

Let the stable astonish, in this place, be born here ... in this place.

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

Kellen Mikesell, violin

arr. Kay H. Ward

*Doxology

What Child Is This

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

Christmas Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem

Love Calls You Home

The Chancel Choir

All the power that man can summon,

All the force he can bring to bear;

All the strength of his armies,

The might of his weapons can never be compared to the power of the Father,

To the force of only one touch

Of his wonderful, strong, and mighty love.

For wherever you run, love goes there. And wherever you hide, love, finds you;

Wherever you go, you hear a voice you have known, love, calls you.

Love calls you home.

Love has charted a path for mercy,

Love has finished a bridge for grace;

Like a King in a manger, it goes where it's needed and lights each darkened place.

There is power in his presence,

For your heart cannot get enough

Of his wonderful, strong and mighty love.

PROCLAMATION OF THE LIGHT

Fifth Reading (NT, p.91)

John 1:1-5,14

(The Christ Candle is lit, followed by the congregation's candles. Please, only the unlit candle is to be tipped when lighting.)

*Carol 122

Silent Night, Holy 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.

*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

"It Is Not Over"

by Ann Weems

It is not over, this birthing.
There are always newer skies
Into which
God can throw stars.
When we begin to think
That we can predict the Advent of God,
That we can box the Christ
In a stable in Bethlehem,
That's just the time
That God will be born
In a place we can't imagine and won't believe.
Those who wait for God
Watch with their hearts and not their eyes,
Listening, always listening
For angel words.

(Please extinguish your candles, and all sing.)

*Carol 134 (v.4)

Joy to the World!

*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.*

Christmas Dedications for 2024

Christmas Joy Offering

In Memory of:

- Barbara A. & V. Norman Deane by N. Diane & John E. Rutzler III
- Melanie G. & John E. Rutzler Jr. by N. Diane & John E. Rutzler III
 - Loved ones by Don Potter & David Binkley
 - Ted Kelley by Linda Kelley
 - Helen & Hugh Sarraf by Steven & Delaine Sarraf
- My parents, Bill & Florence Hinds, and my sister, Billie McLeod, by Bobbie Kitzmiller
 - Loved ones by Ann & Roger Hummel
- Our parents, Kenneth & Anna Lebo and Lewis & Evelyn Lauer, by Dennis & Alice Lebo
 - Ms. Roberta R. Bowman by Clay & Josie Hall
 - Mrs. Florence E. Quigley by the Battisfore family
- Mr. & Mrs. Spencer G. Hall and Spencer Hall Jr. by the Hall family
 - Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Battisfore by the Battisfore family

In Honor of:

- Our Weinrich and Helsel families by Jim & Carol Helsel
 - Parents and grandparents, Ints & MaryAnn Abolins, by Andrea Ebeling and children

To the Glory of God:

- By Pam Thompson

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Poinsettias

In Memory of:

- John E. (Jay) Rutzler IV by N. Diane & John E. Rutzler III
 - John, Nancy, and Vic Ault by Susan Griff Ault
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Beckley, Mr. & Mrs. C. Owen Beckley, Dr. & Mrs. Frederic E. Sanford, and Ms. Mary Jane Sanford
by the Beckley children
- Pam Gale by Randy, Glenn, Chris, Erica, Will, Avery, and Colin Gale
 - Mary Gale by her loving son, Randy
 - Parents by Dave & Judy Thompson
 - Loved ones by Annette & Robert Coffman
 - Our parents by Dale & Ellie Meadowcroft
 - Our parents by Linus & Sharon Fenicle
- Bob and Cindy René Fissel by wife and mother, Joann Fissel
 - Mr. & Mrs. Ed Black and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Fissel
by daughter and daughter-in-law Joann Fissel
 - Jim & Ruth Crouse by Steve, Linda, and kids
 - Loved ones by Ann & Roger Hummel
 - Dorothy & Charles Pascoe by Lynn & Bill Clark
 - Lois & Roy Clark by Lynn & Bill Clark
 - The Rev. James & Lila Miller by their loving family,
the Millers and the Kellers
- Mary Jane & Don Edwards, Cindy Barton, and Donny Edwards
by the McBride family
 - Loved ones by Linda Zimmerman

In Honor of:

- Grandchildren Max, Josie, Niko, Ellie, Mia, Sophia, Theo, CeCe, Elena, and Abigail by Bill & Sue Rothman

CHPC LEADERSHIP

Our leadership structure exists to create ministry opportunities for congregants to share the gifts endowed upon them by the Holy Spirit.

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Statement of Welcome & Inclusion

As followers of Jesus, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We are committed to creating an inclusive space of belonging and safety. Therefore, this community of faith welcomes into full participation, membership, and leadership persons of diverse age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, level of education, class, and income.

Rooted in the Reformed tradition, we affirm that “God alone is Lord of the conscience,” allowing for a breadth of diverse theological and biblical interpretations. We covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we apply our faith in the circumstances of our lives and in the matters of our world.

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