



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church

***Loving God,
Loving Neighbor;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God***

December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve Carols & Candlelight

Meditation before worship

“O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep ad 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.”

–Phillips Brooks

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE Alli Feszko

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Bob Goossen

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Andrew, Casey, Noah, Rose
Jonah, Willow Honess

Advent is a time for God’s people to reawaken their longings.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Tonight, we long to worship the newborn king.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Tonight, we long to hear the good news proclaimed by the angels.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Tonight, we long to receive the promise foretold.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

SONG 110
“Love Has Come” (vss 1 & 2)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Glory to you, almighty God,
for you sent your only-begotten Son,
that we might have new life.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for you became flesh and lived among us
that we might become your people.

Glory to you, Holy Spirit,
for you guide our lives.

Glory to you, almighty God,
and to your Son, Jesus Christ,
and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.

***CAROL** “O Come All Ye Faithful” 133

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE PROPHECY Isaiah 9:2-7

CHILDREN’S CHAT

ANTHEM “Christmas Sanctus”

THE CHRISTMAS STORY Luke 2:1-20

MEETING JESUS AT THE MANGER

CAROL “What Child Is This” 145

GREETING JESUS AT THE MANGER

***CAROL** “Joy to the World” 134

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

DEACON’S FUND OFFERING

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

***THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT**

(As the candlelight is passed from the Christ candle to yours
please hold already lit candles vertical and tip the unlit
candles to receive the light)

***CAROL** “Silent 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**

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***POSTLUDE**

We thank our Christmas at the Manger participants: Hayden Lewis,
MacKenzie Petrella, and Wyatt Moreno

On December 31, the Seventh Day of Christmas, we will enjoy
scripture, stories and Christmas carols in a light and joy filled
worship time.

We welcome everyone to our Christmas Eve worship of Carols &
Candlelight. If you do not have a church home, we warmly invite
you to explore growing in faith with the Ohio church family.



Christmas
EVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

- No Children's Sunday School from December 10 To December 31. Classes will resume on January 7, 2024!
- No Adult class at 9am

Sunday, December 24–10am service and 6pm service

Wednesday, January 3–Story Time @10am

Sunday, January 7–Undecorating the church after worship

Tuesday, January 9–Deacons meeting @6:30

Tuesday, January 9–Session @7pm

Spread some Christmas cheer using our **Christmas Card Mailbox** in the Narthex. Please “mail” your cards according to the recipient’s last name. Also, please try to limit your cards to people who regularly attend church services.

Sunday, December 24. At our 6:00PM service we will light the Christ Candle as we worship with Carols & Candlelight. This worship services will be ‘child friendly.’

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Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller’s friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Marcia Davis, Jack Gennaro, Don Habedank (Shirley Fluharty’s brother), Bernie Fedorka (Mark Douglass’s friend), David Alexander (Shirley Fluharty’s son-in-law), Tom Owczarzak, Paul Kulha

In the Military: Don Sanders, William Barth, Kelly Barth, Paul Hendrick

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Lois Davie, Willa Kocher, Maude Williams, Pat & Tony Wozniak, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Lois Dancer, Dorothy Elko, Irene Gartley, Martha Piroli, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Janice Adamski, Betty Solinski

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After a complete inventory of our Garden of Knowledge Library. We are missing some books, many were checked out prior to the pandemic. Please check your children's books at home and see if you have any from our library. You can return them to Christina Palmer. Thank you!