

**BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DECEMBER 24, 2023  
CHRISTMAS EVE**

PRELUDE

*"Unto Us a Son Is Born"*  
Organist, W.R. Mahns

arr. Gordon Young

HYMN

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

# 133, v. 1,3

**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.***

**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.***

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
**Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**  
Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;  
**Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(unison)*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

The Message Translation

*Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.*

CAROL

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

# 121, v. 1, 2

**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 men on earth!**

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed.*

CAROL

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

# 88, v. 1, 6

**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.***

**O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
And drive away the shades of night,  
and pierce the clouds and bring us light.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.*

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"How Quietly"*

by Joel Raney

BPC Choir & Keyboardist W.R. Mahns

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.*

CAROL

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

# 123, v. 1, 2

**It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold;  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from Heaven's all gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains,  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever over its Babel sounds**

**The blessed angels sing.**

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.*

**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 th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King!"***

**Hail the heav'nly 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 newborn King!"***

CAROL

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

# 119, v. 1,3

## LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC      *"Way Down Yonder in Bethlehem"*      by Michael Barrett  
BPC Choir & Keyboardist W.R. Mahns

SIXTH LESSON      Luke 2:1-7

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.*

CAROL      *"Away in a Manger"*      # 115

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.**

SEVENTH LESSON      Luke 2:8-16

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.*

## LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Carol of the Angels”*  
BPC Choir & Keyboardist W.R. Mahns

by Allen Pote

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.*

CAROL

*“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

# 151, v.1, 5

**We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.  
*O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.***

**Glorious now behold Him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sounds through the earth and skies.  
*O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.***

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO CHRIST

OFFERTORY                                    *"In the Bleak Midwinter"*                                    arr. Marty Parks  
Flutist Susan Gargano & Keyboardist W.R. Mahns

NINTH LESSON                                    John 1:1-14

*The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.*

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

SHARING THE LIGHT THAT HAS COME                                    *Congregational candles are lit*

SPECIAL MUSIC                                    *"There is Faint Music"*                                    by Dan Forrest  
BPC Choir & Keyboardist W.R. Mahns

CAROL                                    *"Silent Night, Holy Night"*                                    # 122, v. 1,2,3

**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.**

*~ Silence ~*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* CLOSING HYMN

*"Joy to the World!"*

# 134, v. 1, 4

**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.**

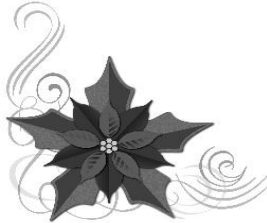
**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.**

*Please enjoy one another's company in this space  
for as long as you would like.*

*If you are a visitor,  
we hope that you will come back to worship with us again!*



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BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
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*in memory of my parents, Rev. Walter & Martha Evans and  
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