



COVENANT

presbyterian church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020

PRELUDE

Christmas Concerto, movement 2, Adagio-Allegro-Adagio . . . A. Corelli, arr. L. Lathan

OPENING CAROL

O Holy Night arr. A. Adams

PRAYER OF CHRISTMASTIDE Katherine Kerr

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

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!

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

SCRIPTURE READING Ian Clark
Isaiah 11:1-3, 6-9

CAROL

Once in Royal David's City IRBY

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

SCRIPTURE READING Grace Lindvall
Matthew 1:18-25

CAROL

Away in a Manger MUELLER

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

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until 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.

SCRIPTURE READING Serenitye Taylor
Matthew 2:1-11

CALL FOR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY CAROL

This year's Christmas Eve offering will support our mission partners' urgent needs stemming from the pandemic. We will support children at Highland Renaissance Academy in Charlotte, Tomorrow's Youth Organization in the West Bank, and Faith Ministry on the Mexico border with technology to stay connected through remote learning. Give online at CovenantPresby.org/give.

Greensleeves arr. W. Ryden

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Bob Henderson, Julia Watkins
Night of Silence D. Kantor¹

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CLOSING CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night! STILLE NACHT

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

POSTLUDE

I Saw Three Ships. R. Elliot



THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Katherine Kerr, senior assoc. minister

Grace Lindvall, associate minister

Ian Clark, pastoral resident

Julia Watkins, pastoral resident

Serenitye Taylor, seminary intern

Heather Potter, director of traditional music

Robert Dicks, associate director of traditional music & organist

Kenney Potter, choral conductor

Covenant Choir

Covenant Youth Singers

Carolina Chamber Players

Safiatou Souare, Jordan Taylor, soloists

Carolyn Lohr, Emily Reinicker, Ben Unger, Sherry Ward, carillon

Audio and Visuals

Cleve Elam, Matt Garfield, Jason Graffis, Craig Harmon, Ricko Hill

Sanctuary / Campus Preparation

Joe Nesbit, Tim Ross, Zeno Wall

