

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.

The Prelude to Worship

Sheri Martin

We acknowledge that our church is on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup Tribe. The Puyallup people have lived on and stewarded these lands since the beginning of time, and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgment is one small step toward true allyship and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

Hymn # 41

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
(verses 1 & 2)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Franklin/Nacorda Family

Tonight, we conclude our Advent Journey as we light the Christ Candle, welcoming the one promised in Scripture.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

We celebrate the hope brought to earth by our Wonderful Counselor.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

We rejoice in the strength and power of a Mighty God.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

We sing of peace on earth and good will to all people.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

And we lift our hearts in praise to our Everlasting Father.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Hymn # 41

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
(verse 3)

Advent Prayer

Hope

The Promise of Christ

Reading

Luke 1: 26b-38

Rev. John Asher

Special Music

"Mary Did You Know?"

Carly Bennett

Reading

Matthew 1: 18-21

Kim Randall

Peace

The Promise Fulfilled

Hymn # 38

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Reading

Luke 2: 1-7

Rev. John Asher

Hymn # 25

"Away in a Manger"

A Story for Christmas

"Silver Packages"

Rev. John Asher

by Cynthia Rylant (Author) and Chris K. Soentpiet (Illustrator)

Hymn # 44

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
(Verses 1 & 2)

Joy

Our Response to Jesus

Reading

Luke 2: 8-14

Kim Randall

Hymn # 23

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Reading

Luke 2: 15-19

Rev. John Asher

Special Music

"O Holy Night"

Carly Bennett

Reading

Isaiah 1:6-7a

Kim Randall

Hymn # 40

"Joy to the World!"
(Verses 1, 2, 4)

Love

Our Participation with Jesus

Reading

John 1: 1-4

Rev. John Asher

Lighting of the Candles

We will light our candles from the Christ candle. You are invited to stand and pass the flame on to those next to you, by keeping the lit candle straight and tipping the receiving candle.

* Hymn

"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

* Benediction

Please leave your extinguished candle in the basket provided in the narthex.

* Postlude

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