

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE 2023



SEEING SHEPHERDS
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WELCOME

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE FALL

GENESIS 3:8-15, 17,19

HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

- vs. 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.
- (Chorus) Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
- vs. 4 O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
and drive away the shades of night,
and pierce the clouds and bring us light!
- vs. 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
and be Thyself our King of Peace.

ADVENT:

MICAH 5:2-4; ISAIAH 9:2,6-7

HYMN

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

HYMN 72

- vs. 1 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.
- vs. 2 For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing
to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
- vs. 5 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!

ANGELS APPEAR TO MARY

ISAIAH 7:14; LUKE 1:26-38

HYMN

O HOLY NIGHT!

- vs. 1 O holy night! The stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope- the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!
- vs. 2 Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the Wise Men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend.
He knows our need – to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!
- vs. 3 Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
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ANGELS APPEAR TO JOSEPH

MATTHEW 1:18-23

HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

- vs. 1 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.
- vs. 2 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 mean, and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.
- vs. 5 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.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

LUKE 2:1-7

HYMN

AWAY IN A MANGER

- vs 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head;
 The stars in the sky look down where He lay,
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- vs 3 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.

ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS LUKE 2:8-20

§ HYMN

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.

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§ 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
rad'ant 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

Thanks to Iris Allender (harp), Ashley Marr (piano) and Ty Sempsrott (guitar) for sharing their musical gifts with us this evening.

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