

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SEEING SHEPHERDS
DANIEL BONNELL

CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24TH, 2022

-WE GATHER TO PRAISE -

Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Iris Allender, harp

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PASTOR BRANDON JOLLEY

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

§ ADVENT HYMN

IN THE MANGER

JONATHAN LANDRY CRUSE

See, resting softly in Bethlehem's manger,
there is a Savior as God had long sworn.
Mighty Messiah, to keep us from danger,
now, come in weakness, is finally born.

King in the manger without any splendor,
gave up the riches and yielded the crown.
These are the least that our King will surrender:
rescuing rebels, He'll lay His life down.

Priest in the manger who now sympathizes,
wearing our nature and clothed in disgrace.
O what a myst'ry that ev'ry saint prizes:
why would this Priest come and die in our place!

God in the manger who somehow is sleeping,
lulled by the singing of angels above,
holds all the world with His unfailing keeping,
holds all my heart with His unfailing love.

NATIVITY TABLEAU

Children

TABLEAU PARTICIPANTS

AWAY IN A MANGER

§ HYMN

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

HYMN 82

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ, our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

POEM
Cassidy Sempsrott

THE HOUSE OF CHRISTMAS

G.K. CHESTERON

MUSICAL MEDITATION
Brandon and Adeline Jolley
Ty Sempsrott, guitar

O SAVIOR, REND THE HEAVENS WIDE TRANS. MARTIN L. SELTZ
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§ HYMN
Scott Roberts, organ

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

HYMN 72

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.

§ HYMN OF PRAISE
Ty Sempsrott, guitar

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

HYMN 83

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION
Adeline Jolley and Felicity Faris
Parker Wicker, piano

JOY HAS DAWNED/ ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

KEITH GETTY AND STUART TOWNEND
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ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

(Chorus)

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Erleen Faris

O HOLY NIGHT!

MEDITATION

BRANDON JOLLEY

§ HYMN

Jackson Lee, guitar

SILENT NIGHT!

HYMN 89

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

IN DULCI JUBILO, BWV 729

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