## CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE DECEMBER 24, 2023

\*Please stand as you are able

Prelude The Glory of Christmas Orchestra

\*Carol 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 host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

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

Christ, by highest heav'n 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 as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail, the heav'n-born 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.

Welcome Pastor Ben Phillips

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:6

"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Invocation

\*Responsive Reading

Luke 1.68-75

Leader: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people

All: and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

Leader: as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

All: that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

Leader: to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,

All: the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days."

\*Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

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;

## Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light; Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Ve-ry God, begotten not created.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
Glory to God, in the highest

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;

Christmas Anthem

All Is Well

Meekness and Majesty

Marsha Tucker

Anthem

Choir & Orchestra

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

<sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

<sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" <sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

<sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Homily** Hope Is A Good Thing

Luke 2:6

Pastor Dee Hammond

**Duet** One Still Night

Tracy Roth and Laura Whitlock

\*Candlelit Carols O Little Town Of Bethlehem

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.

How silently, how silently

The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts

The blessings of his heav'n.

No ear may hear his coming,

But in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will receive him still,

The dear Christ enters in.

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.

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,
heav'nly 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!

Hallelujah Chorus

Choir, Orchestra and Congregation

Closing Remarks and Prayer



Christmas Evle Candlelight Worship Service