

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* Marsha Tucker

**Anthem** *Meekness and Majesty* 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.

