

# Memorial Presbyterian Church



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

*Eternal God,  
from the tabernacle of heaven to the poverty of a stable,  
your radiant light shines forth in a tiny baby wrapped in rags;  
such humble Love astounds us.  
In Jesus you have become one with us  
that we might become one with you.  
Open our hearts to joyfully receive his love  
that he may be born in us, and we in him,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

Stille Nacht

Alan Bullard

**OPENING**

...In this moment, all is calm, all is bright.

(sung together)

**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.**

It was the night when Peace was born  
And just as now the world was torn  
But all was calm and all was bright  
The star above gave out its light

### **Silent night, holy night**

Dear people all around the world  
Let us unite and we will show  
How Peace can change us,  
How Peace can help us grow.

### **Silent night, holy night**

...On this night we remember the promise of God—that God would be  
"Emmanuel," God-with-us forever more.

**So let your Peace shine in the night  
And let your life burn warm and bright  
This light we give the world is balm  
And in this truth we find our calm**

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES**

Tonight we light all five candles:  
for Peace, Joy, Love and Hope... and one to represent the presence of God's light  
through Jesus Christ. This season, these candles have reminded us of the  
light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

God-with-Us, Emmanuel,  
we open ourselves to you this night,  
to become those who help to shine that light of Christ wherever we are—  
in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

**Fill us with your peace and light,  
make the world so calm and bright.**

<b>*CAROL</b>	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	119
<b>*CAROL</b>	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i> v. 1 – All, v. 2 – women, v. 3 – men, v. 4 – All	140
<b>FIRST LESSON</b>	Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 <i>Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation</i>	Lucy Lanning
<b>CAROL</b>	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> vs. 1, 5,6,7	88
<b>SECOND LESSON</b>	Genesis 22:15-18 <i>God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the peoples of the world be blessed</i>	Harry Wright
<b>CAROL</b>	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i> v. 1 – 4	108, v. 1-4

<b>THIRD LESSON</b>	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 <i>The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior</i>	Donna Vint
<b>CAROL</b>	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	121
<b>FOURTH LESSON</b>	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 <i>The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown</i>	Lyne Sama
<b>*CAROL</b>	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	129
<b>FIFTH LESSON</b>	Luke 1:26-35, 38 <i>The angel Gabriel appears to the Virgin Mary</i>	Mario Sama
<b>CAROL</b>	<i>The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came</i> Vince Leseney, soloist	
<b>SIXTH LESSON</b>	Luke 2:1-7 <i>Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child</i>	Elvira Sama
<b>CAROL</b>	<i>What Child Is This</i>	145
<b>SEVENTH LESSON</b>	Luke 2:8-16 <i>Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah</i>	Joan Cole
<b>*CAROL</b>	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	113
<b>EIGHTH LESSON</b>	Matthew 2:1-11 <i>The wise men are led by the star to Jesus</i>	Vince Leseney
<b>CAROL</b>	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i> Verse 1 only	151
<b>NINTH LESSON</b>	John 1:1-14 <i>St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation</i>	Tracy Evans
<b>*CAROL</b>	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	133
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>	The Lord's Prayer	Hymnal, p. 35
<b>THE OFFERING</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Still, Still, Still	Paul Manz
<b>DEDICATION PRAYER</b>		
<b>*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL</b>		
<b>*SHARING THE LIGHT</b>		

**\*CAROL**

Silent Night, Holy 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.

**\*POSTLUDE**

Hark the Herald

Craig Phillips

\*Those who are able may stand.

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