

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

***SHARING THE LIGHT**

***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**

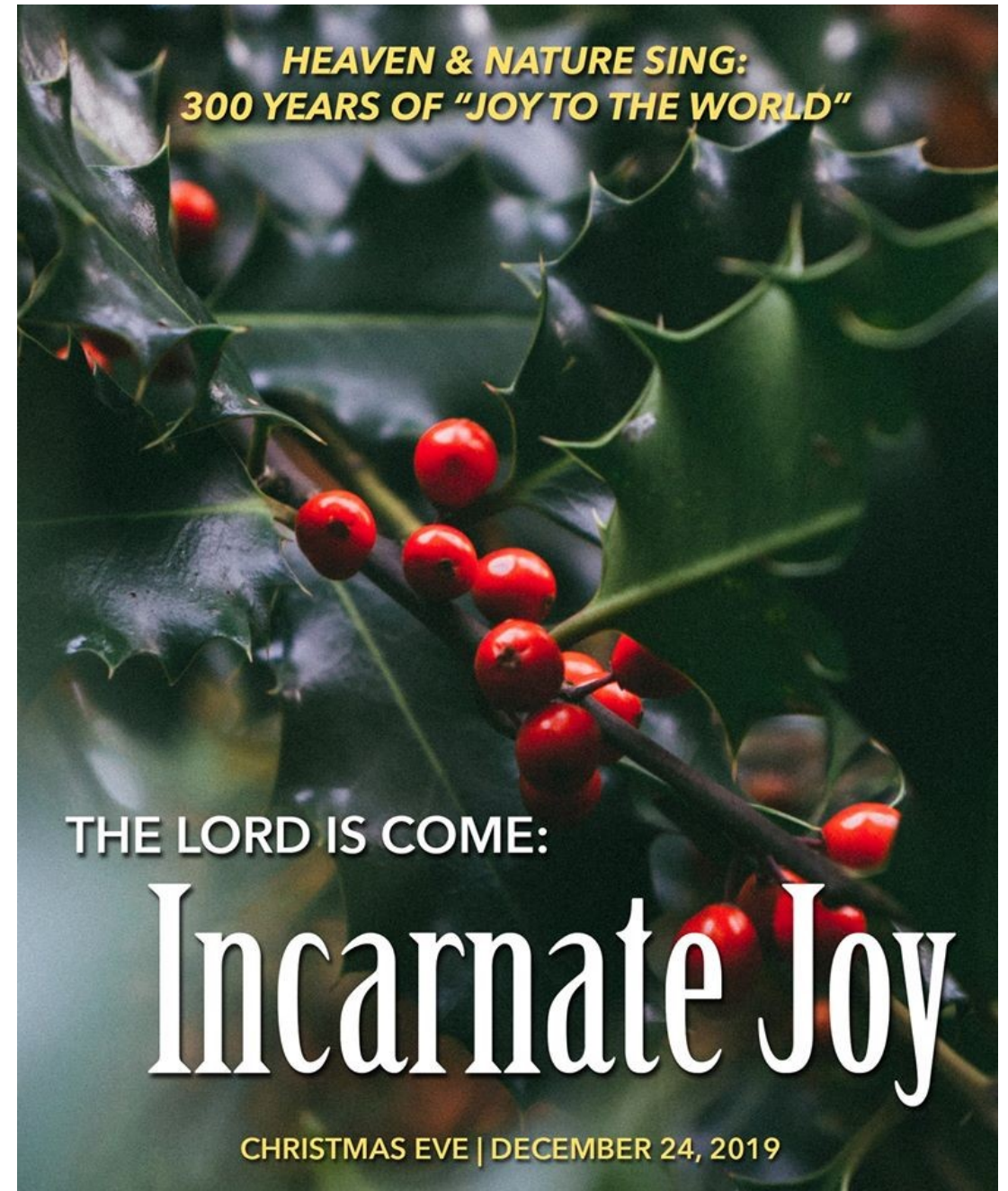
Joy to the World

Wilbur Held

*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Memorial Presbyterian Church



The good news of great joy is for us,
as it was for our ancestors:
The love of God has come among us,
bringing comfort to all.
The peace of God has come among us,
bringing wholeness to all.
A child has been born for us, a son given to us,
bringing salvation to all!

THE WREATH

PRELUDE From Heaven Above Walter Pelz

***CAROL** Joy to the World Hymnal, No. 134

***CAROL** Once in Royal David's City Hymnal, No. 140
v. 1 – All, v. 2 – women, v. 3 – men, v. 4 – All

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Michael Yeager
Adam and Eve disobey God's command
and disrupt the order and goodness of creation

CAROL O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Hymnal, No. 88
vs. 1, 5,6,7

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18 Jo Beth Bailey
God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed
shall all the peoples of the world be blessed

CAROL Of the Father's Love Begotten Hymnal, No. 108
v. 1 – 4

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Arabella Eckel
The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

***CAROL** O Little Town of Bethlehem Hymnal, No. 121

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 Nicholas Lindley
The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown

CAROL Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Hymnal, No. 129

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38 Charlotte Lovett
The angel Gabriel appears to the Virgin Mary

CAROL The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came
Vince Leseney, soloist

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7 Lucy Lanning
Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem,
where Mary gives birth to her child

CAROL What Child Is This Hymnal, No. 145

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16 John Beck
Angels appear to shepherds in the fields
and announce the birth of the Messiah

***CAROL** Angels We Have Heard on High Hymnal, No. 113

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 Vince Leseney
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus

CAROL We Three Kings of Orient Are Hymnal, No. 151
Verse 1 only

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 Tracy Evans
St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

***CAROL** O Come, All Ye Faithful Hymnal, No. 133

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Response: ...Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Wexford Carol Mark Hayes

DEDICATION PRAYER