



Who among us will celebrate Christmas correctly? Whoever finally lays down all power, all honor, all reputation, all vanity, all arrogance, all individualism beside the manger; whoever remains lowly and lets God alone be high; whoever looks at the child in the manger and sees the glory of God precisely in his lowliness.

God is near to lowliness; God loves the lost, the neglected, the unseemly, the excluded, the weak and broken.
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Order of Worship

December 24, 2025
7:30 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

PRELUDE

Largo, ma non tanto from *Concerto in D Minor for Two Violins* Johann Sebastian Bach
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. Kevin Hildebrand
Silent Night Paul Laubengayer

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, mother and child. Holy Infant, 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, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Text by Joseph Mohr, Translated by John F. Young

Pastorale on *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice* arr. Kevin Hildebrand

The congregation is invited to remain seated and sing the hymn with the choir.

HYMN NO. 160 A Stable Lamp is Lighted David Hurd
Still, Still, Still Austrian Carol, arr. Brent McWilliams
Still, still, still One can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, The world is
sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping. Still, still, still, One can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, Close your eyes, Let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep 'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

Dream, dream, dream, Of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number Watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream, dream, Of the joyous day to come.

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come arr. Kevin Hildebrand
CALL TO WORSHIP ** Rev. Gradye Parsons

One: On this holy night, we come,
All: dazzled and awe-struck, ready to sing alongside the angels.
One: On this holy night, we come,
All: eager and hopeful, ready to journey alongside the shepherds.
One: On this holy night, we come,
All: quietly and tenderly, ready to worship alongside Mary.
One: On this holy night, we come,
All: singing, trusting, believing, proclaiming: good news is louder than fear.
One: Let us worship our good news, with-us God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** O Come, All Ye Faithful

All 1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri -
All 2. God of God, Light of
Choir 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul -
All 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py

um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Light, Lo! He comes forth from the Vir - gin's womb.
ta - tion, Sing, O ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
morn - ing, Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels; O
Our ver - y God, be - got - ten not cre - at - ed, O
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est; O
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing; O

come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Oros Family

Isaiah 9:2-6

INTROIT Hodie Christus Natus Est David Ashley White

Today Christ is born: today the angels sing: Glory to God in the highest, praise the Lord.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)*

**God of angel choruses,
you hang the stars in the sky,
but we do not see them.
You fill the night with angelic song,
but we do not hear it.
You send shepherds to tell the good news,
but we do not believe them.
You bring love into the world,
but we do not seek it.
Quiet the fear in us that works to rationalize, minimize, and distract
from the good news you put forth into the world.
Tune our hearts back to your song.
With hope we pray, Amen.**

***RESPONSE** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, when the angels arrived in the field that night, the shepherds were afraid. But the angels said:

**All: "Do not be afraid.
I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people."**

One: This good news is:

**All: love freely given,
grace radically extended,
welcome always offered,
belonging never restricted.**

One: Friends, we are seen, loved, welcomed, forgiven, called, and sent to serve. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

***RESPONSE** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ is born to save!**

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

***HYMN NO. 117** While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

WINCHESTER OLD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20

HOMILY

"The Bread of Life"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 113** Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM In the Bleak Mid-Winter Harold Darke

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone: snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak
midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee
away when he comes to reign: in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the
Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him whom cherubim worship night and day, a breastful of milk and a
mangerful of hay: enough for him whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass
and camel which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb, if I
were a wise man I would do my part, yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Text by Christina Rossetti

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF BREAD

Congregation will come forward to receive the elements at the Tables.

All pre-cut bread is gluten free.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Nativity Tale W.H. Belyea

There was a Childe born of a day Of fair and goodly seeming, And in an ox’s
stall he lay, All soft and sweetly dreaming.

Refrain: Low in His cradle lay Jesus, our King, And I love my sweet Saviour
above anything.

And this the myst’ry of that birth, Both kings and shepherds knowing He was
the Lord sent down to earth, the love of God o’er flowing. *Refrain*

Then let us all, with one accord, Sing praises to our Heav’nly Lord, Who came to
earth from heav’n this day, And all our sin has washed away. *Refrain*

Text by A.C. Darke

HYMN NO. 145 What Child is This (Stanzas 1 and 3) GREENSLEEVES

HYMN NO. 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem (Stanzas 1 and 4) St. Louis

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5; 14-18

SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING...

*After the scripture is read, the lights will be dimmed, and the ministers will light a candle
from the Christ Candle and then light the candles of the first person on each aisle. Light will
then be passed from worshiper to worshiper. Remember that the lighted candle remains
upright and the unlighted candle is tipped to the lighted candle.*

***HYMN NO. 122** Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

(The candle is held close to the chest)

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.

(The candle is extended outward)

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.”

(The candle is extended upward)

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.

PROCESSION TO COURTYARD

*Ushers will direct the congregation seated on the pulpit side to exit to the courtyard by the
sanctuary door near the chancel, beginning with the first row. Those seated on the font/organ
side will exit back through the narthex beginning with the back row.*

***HYMN NO. 134** Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders, of His love.

***BENEDICTION**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

SERVING TODAY

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir; Treble Ensemble; Kyle Foster, Soloist;

Cassidy Mackay, Soloist

STRINGS: Helen Bryenton and Edward Pulgar, Violins; Katy Gawne, Viola;

Andy Bryenton, Cello

SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel

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Dr. Edie Johnson, Music Director/Organist

Jennifer Manrod, Assistant Children’s Director

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Benjamin Dockter, Worship Tech

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING The Christmas Joy Offering opens doors of
opportunity for the leaders who are shaped and supported through our gifts - doors
that lead to hopeful futures for young people at Presbyterian-related schools and
colleges equipping communities of color. Our gifts open doors that lead to relief for
church workers and their families when emergency needs arise. You will find
offertory envelopes in the Narthex.

WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 28 will be held at 11:00am only. Our Sunday school
hour will resume on January 4.

FINAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2025, as well as any 2026 prepaid offerings received
in the church office through December 31 will be included in your final 2025
contribution statement. If you have any questions regarding your contributions,
please contact Renee Wiesehuegel (renee@wpcknox.org or 865-584-3957 ext 100.)
prior to the end of the calendar year. Thank you.

CHURCH STAFF HOLIDAY: The staff appreciates your gift of time away so that
staff can be with our families, December 29 through January 2. The church office will
be open on December 31 from 9:00am to noon.

YOUTH JANUARY 4TH Youth Group: Senior Highs Only 5 - 7 PM.
Senior High Kick Off Party at the Brewington's!!!! More details to come.

Advent Flowers 2025

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to our Flower Guild during this Advent Season.

Donor(s)	Dedication
Laura Barron	In memory of her family in this world and with God in heaven
Beeler Family.	In memory of Brooks Henderson Beeler
Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren	In loving memory of Clark
Jean and Brian Bonnyman.	In honor of Barbara Adamcik, our friend
Mary Boyd.	In loving memory of Andrew Boyd
Jeanie and Jeff Browning	In honor of grandchildren, Katie and Ella Jones
Jeanie and Jeff Browning	In memory of cousins, Eddie, Patty and Allan
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Marty Pryor, Allison Pryor-Smith, Jackson and Grace Ann Kelly	In memory of Jim Pryor
Amy Rawe.	In honor of Rick and Janice Rawe, with love and gratitude from their granddaughters - Margaret, Nina, and Samantha
Kathleen Shilling	In memory of John Shilling
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Jackie Vanden Dorpel and Alexandra McDonald	In memory of Neil Vanden Dorpel
Renee and Bill Wiesehuegel	In loving memory of Amy McBrayer, Shirley Rechenbach, Natalie and Jim Smith
Laurie and Josh Williams	In memory of Ruth and Fletcher Thompson
Jack Woodall and Sharon Boyce	In memory of Lauren Boyce Woodall Roady
Linda and Jim Yates	In memory of Bob and Sara Cantrell, Betty and Chris Salsbery, Barbara and Fritz Schilling, Joe Ben Turner, and Eileen and Bruce Watt