



Evening Comfort

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Grobe Presbyterian Church

376 Bloom St. Danville PA 17821

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 24, 2019 10:00 p.m.

* Please rise as able

PRELUDE

*As you listen, let your soul be flooded with wonder and joy
For we celebrate Jesus' birth tonight,
and give thanks to God for this wonderful gift of love.*

WELCOME

*CAROL OF EXPECTATION

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

ADVENT CANDLE and WREATH LITANY

We light the Christ candle remembering Isaiah's prophecy of the one who is here. "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

We place the Baby Jesus reminding us that God is with us.

All: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel!

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

Our Father, which 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.

OFFERTORY

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

*CAROL OF ADORATION

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of light.
Angels lifting praise before You, sing throughout this holy night.
In a manger lies a baby, child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus, praise You for Your gift of Love.
All Your works declare Your glory, all creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices in the birth of Christ the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant, trumpets sound and anthems raise.
As with joy our hearts are lifted, joined in wonder, love, and praise.

THE ANNUNCIATION

Luke 1:26-38

*CAROL OF BLESSING

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

THE MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55

MUSICAL OFFERING

Medley of Carols

THE NATIVITY

Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

“8 lbs, 6 oz, Baby Jesus”

THE MAGI

Matthew 2:1-12

THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT

The pastor lights a large candle from the Christ candle, which symbolizes the Light of the world, of whom John's gospel speaks. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when passing the light to another.

CAROL OF LIGHT please remain seated

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.

(A cappella)

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.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32

BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL CAROL OF JOY

All: Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, *and heaven and nature sing...*

Men: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns; let men their songs employ!
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains *repeat the
sounding joy...*

Women: No more let sin and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow *far as the curse is found...*

All: He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations
prove The glories of His righteousness, *and wonders of His love...*

POSTLUDE

Please join us: Sunday morning worship at 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. (no Sunday School December 29, 2019)
December 29: Rev. Doug Orbaker, Christmas Carol Sing

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