



Evening Comfort

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Grove Presbyterian Church

376 Bloom St. Danville PA 17821

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 24, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

* Please rise as able

PRELUDE

Christmas Selections

*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.*

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

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.

WELCOME

MUSICAL BEGINNING

Children's Choirs

“O Come, Little Children”

O come, little children, o come, one and all,

O come to the manger in Bethlehem's stall,

And see the Lord Jesus asleep in the hay,

The little Lord Jesus was born Christmas Day.

Now “Glory to God!” comes the song from on high,

And “Peace for all mankind!” we sing in reply,

Then come, little children, be happy and gay,

For Jesus, the Christ Child, was born Christmas Day.

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Junior Choir

“Hey, Hey, Anybody Listening?”

Hey, hey, anybody listening; Hey, hey, anybody there?

Hey, hey, anybody listening, anybody care?

We've got Good News...Christ the Lord will soon be found here.

Good News...let's help spread the news around here.

If I had a drum I'd drum it, a mandolin I'd strum it,

a humming bird I'd hum it everywhere...

*People, come on...let's sing out for Mary's Son here.
Come on... He'll bring joy for everyone here.*

*If I had a harp I'd twang it, a tambourine I'd bang it,
a fireman's bell I'd clang it everywhere...*

*Come on, sing out... tell the world about His birth now.
Sing out... loud and clear to all the earth now.*

*If I had a chime I'd ring it, a finger cymbal ching it,
We've got this song let's sing it, everywhere...*

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

Senior Choir

"December's Keep"

*Silently they fall; snowflakes, one and all.
Drifting to the ground, winter all around.
Branches reaching high, touching frozen sky.
Earth lies cold, asleep, in December's keep.
Still, still, silent white, on this winter night;
Branches reaching high, touching frozen sky.
Earth lies cold, asleep, in Decembers keep.
In December's keep.*

*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

THE NATIVITY

Luke 2:1-20

MUSICAL OFFERING

Women's Quartet

“Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella!”

*Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella, bring a torch it is dark in the stall;
It is Jesus, good folks of the village, run quickly, I hear Mary's soft call.*

Chorus: Ah, Ah, radiant is the mother, Ah, ah, angelic is the child.

*Hush, hush, see how the child is sleeping,
hush, hush, see how he smiles in dreams.*

*Stars they glow and night is unveiled,
stars, they glow, now jump out of bed!*

*Silence now as you gather around him,
wake not the babe who shines so bright. Chorus*

*Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella, bring your family, your friends and all;
It is Jesus good folks of the city,
angels are singing soft and sweet. Chorus
Ah, ah, gaze down at peaceful slumber,
ah, ah, gaze down at his small face.
Hush, hush, listen to angels singing,
hush, hush, see how he smiles in dreams.*

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

“8 lbs, 6 oz, Baby Jesus”

MUSICAL OFFERING

Senior Choir

“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”

*See amid the winter’s snow, born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.*

*Lo, within a manger bed, he who built the starry skies,
he, who throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim.*

*Refrain: Hail, the ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption’s happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

*Sacred infant all divine, what a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this. Refrain*

*Teach, o teach us, Holy child, by thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble thee, in thy sweet humility. Refrain*

THE MAGI

Matthew 2:1-12

MUSICAL OFFERING

Senior Choir

“Were You There on That Christmas Night?”

*Were you there, were you there, on that Christmas night,
When the world was filled with a holy light?*

Were you there to behold, when the wonder foretold came to earth?

*Did you see, did you see how they hailed Him King,
with the gifts so rare that they chose to bring?*

Did you see how they bowed, as they praised Him aloud at His birth?

Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang, at the glory of the sight?

Did you hear how the bells of Heaven rang, all through the night?

*Did you know, did you know, it was God’s own son,
the salvation of the world begun?*

Did you know it was love, that was sent from above to the earth?

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

Cantor sings the original German:

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

Congregation:

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

RINGING IN OF CHRISTMAS

Bell Choirs

*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

*As you leave, may you take with you
the love of God,
the light of Christ,
the peace of the Holy Spirit,
and the joy of our fellowship –
to your families, to your communities, to the world.*



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Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

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December 29: Rev. Doug Orbaker, Christmas Carol Sing

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