

“Evening Comfort” by Jeffrey Martin

Grove Presbyterian Church

Worship Service
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 2021 7:00 PM

*Worshippers are invited to sing and read text and lyrics printed in **bold type**. Standing is invited wherever you see an asterisk (*).
Please wear a mask whenever indoors.*

PRELUDE

Christmas Selections

*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

CHRIST CANDLE LITANY

Choir: *All creation lies in waiting, in the stillness of the
night, with hope anticipating the Advent of
Eternal Light.*

One: The true light of hope that gives light has come.

All: He was in the world, and through him the world was made.

One: He came to his own, but the world did not recognize him.

All: Tonight, we recognize him. Son of man, Son of God; the word who has become flesh and dwelt among us.

One: On this eve of our Savior's birth, let us light the Christ candle.

All Sing:

**We proclaim with hope for the morning Light,
for the love of Christ to illuminate the night.**

**We proclaim with joy for the Savior's birth;
we proclaim with hope for peace on earth.**

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

MUSICAL OFFERING

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.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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

*CAROL OF ADORATION

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him...
Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him...
Christ, the Lord!

THE NATIVITY

Luke 2:1-20

MUSICAL OFFERING

Women's Trio

"Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella!"

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

"God is Among Us"

MUSICAL OFFERING

Choir

"Bring Us Hope"

Bring us hope, bring us love, bring us peace from above.

Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy from above,

Bring us hope, bring us hope.

Bring us light, take our darkness away.

Bring us light, turn our darkness into day.

Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy from above.

Bring us hope...

Hope to replace our hopelessness,

Love to refill our emptiness, our emptiness,

peace in the midst of our distress; oh, how we need your joy!

Bring us hope, bring us love, bring us peace,

peace and joy from above... Bring us hope...

MUSICAL OFFERING

Choir

“Were You There on That Christmas Night?”

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. You are invited to turn on your LED candles using the switch on bottom.

CAROL OF LIGHT *please remain seated*

*Cantor: 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.

BLESSING

RINGING IN OF CHRISTMAS

*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

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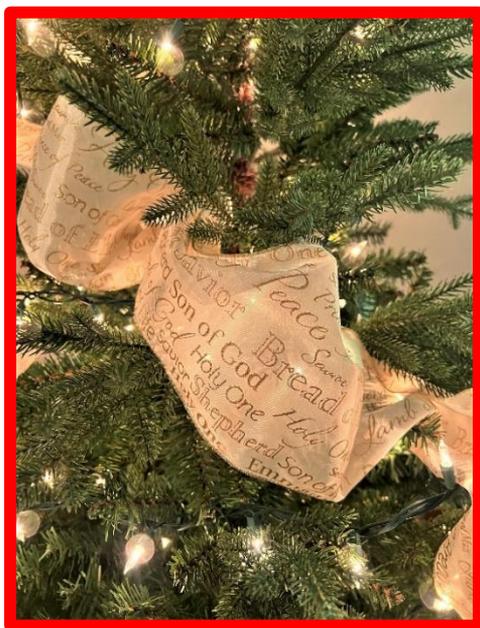
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Merry Christmas

Please join us for Sunday morning worship at 10:15 a.m.

Worship is in-person; Livestream Worship at
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*December 26: Christmas Carol Sing
(no Sunday School December 26, 2021)*



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