

CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

Christmas Eve, 4:00 p.m.

December 24, 2020

Music of the Season

Call to Worship

Come away, come away, come today to Bethlehem.

We come to welcome Jesus!

We sing with joy, praising God,
for the time of promise has come.

We come to welcome Jesus!

Sing the good news of Emmanuel:
God is with us! Christ has come!

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn 121, verses 1 & 2 – See page 5.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

The Christmas Story

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn 122, verse 1 – See page 6.

“Silent Night”



STILLE NACHT

Christmas Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Glory to you, O God, for good news of great joy that you give to all people.

Thank you for Jesus Christ, and his light that shines in the places of darkness and shadow.

With the angels, we sing praise to you, celebrating your glory in all the earth.

Although we are scattered and apart on this Christmas Eve, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we are your church. So hear us as we pray saying,

O Christ, our light, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the church... with Mary, help us to treasure and ponder the gift that has been
given to us, a gift of good news and great joy for all.

O Christ, our light, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the world... with the prophets, help us work for your justice for all people.

O Christ, our light, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for this community... with the shepherds, help us to keep watch over all who need protection this night. For healthcare providers and hospital workers caring for the sick and dying. For those lonely and alone this night whether in a hospital room or at home, in a prison cell, or in a shelter.

O Christ, our light, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for loved ones...with angels, help us to offer signs of hope, comfort, and joy for all who live in fear, for all who are sad, for all those missing loved ones on this holy night.

O Christ, our light, *hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, hope of the world, help us to share your light that shines all the brighter when the world is dark. Shine in our hearts and families and communities this night.

And hear us in the prayer our Savior taught us, saying,
*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.
 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 power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Hymn 134, verses 1 & 4 – See page 7. “ Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

Benediction

Jesus Christ is born! This is good news.

Let us share this news. We will live with hope, peace, joy, and love.

Know that God’s light shines.

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

May the love of God surround you and the peace of Christ & the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you and all you love, now and always.

Postlude/Offering

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Christmas Joy Offering

This evening’s offering will be given to the Christmas Joy Offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The offering aids the denomination’s racial ethnic schools and the Board of Pensions, which assists retired ministers and mission workers in need.

Participants

- Dorothy Boulton, *associate pastor*
- Kenneth E. Kovacs, *pastor*
- Kathy and Keith Glennan, *video production*
- Greg Knauf, *vocalist/pianist*
- Jason Kissel, *interim organist*
- Vickie Lord, *teleprompter*
- Delaney Cech, *piano*, "Joy to the World"
- Lucy Virago, *ukulele*, "Joy to the World"
- Olivia Virago, *cello*, "All I Want for Christmas is You"
- Paige Peercy, *vocalist*
- Ellen Frank, *American Sign Language*
- The Gunderson, Nilsen, and Peercy Families, *vocals*
- Andrew Glennan, *handbells*

Sources

- *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).
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December 24, 2020
Christmas Eve – Nativity of the Lord
Gifts of Remembrance
Given to the Glory of God

POINSETTIAS

IN MEMORY OF

- Jack and Nancy Burger
 - Judi and Ted Heun
 - Jean and Harry Deppert
 - Vera and Joel Hutton
 - E. Theodore (Ted) Johnson, Jr.
 - Mr. and Mrs. E. Theodore Johnson, Sr.
 - Mr. and Mrs. C. Randall Kilgore, Sr.
 - Grace Morrow Kovacs
 - Ann Kay Schmidl
 - John and Patsy Jean Dunham
 - Louise and Everett Mullen
 - Grace and Irl Oaks
 - Beloved Siblings
- Our Parents
- Ernest and Daphne Pritchard
 - Erling and Betty Hedin

GIVEN BY

Your Loving Children and Grandchildren

Their Family,
the Heuns and the Pates

Their Family,
the Huttons and the Longs

Glenda Kilgore Johnson

Kenneth Kovacs

The Oaks Family

Jim and Tina Pritchard

121 O Little Town of Bethlehem



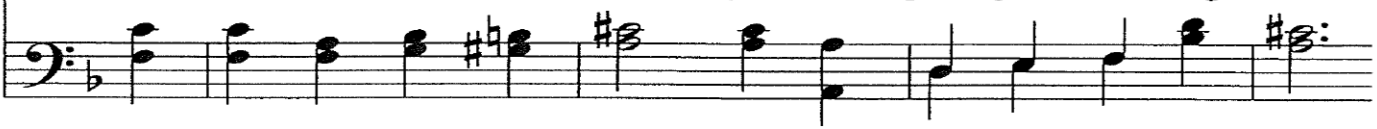
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!



Though he was famed during his lifetime as a great preacher, no sermon Phillips Brooks ever preached has been heard or read by as many people as have sung this carol he wrote in December 1868 for the Sunday School children of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

GERMAN

1 *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!*

KOREAN

1 고요한밤 거룩한밤
 어둠에 묻힌밤
 주의부모 앉아서
 감사기도 드릴때
 아기잘도 잔다
 아기잘도 잔다

SPANISH

1 *¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!
 Todo duerme en derredor,
 entre los astros que esparcen su luz,
 bella, anunciando al niño Jesús,
 brilla la estrella de paz,
 brilla la estrella de paz.*

The tradition that this carol's tune was created for guitar accompaniment at its first singing on Christmas Eve 1818 seems reliable, though a recent find shows that the text was about two years old. But there is no question that this is now a favorite Christmas carol worldwide.

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

ANTIOCH
 CM with repeat
 (alternate tune: RICHMOND, 266)



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