



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2022

Lessons and Carols

Celebrating the Birth of Christ

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Call to Worship: Psalm 98:1-3

Pastor Scott Phillips

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God!

O Come All Ye Faithful

Reading: Genesis 3:1-15

Pastor Rick Stark

The Promised Seed

After God's good creation, the darkness of sin falls on the world; but God promises that the woman will bear a Messiah who will restore light and life.

Come Though Long Expected Jesus

Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14; 9:2; 9:6-7

Pastor Rick Stark

Immanuel, God With Us

The prophet tells that the coming Messiah will be more than just an ordinary man; he would also be Immanuel, God with us.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Reading: Micah 5:2-5

Pastor Nathan White

The Coming King

From a small place, easy to ignore, the Messiah will arrive, and he will be a King who restores and protects the people of his kingdom with a secure peace.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Pastor Nathan White

The Favor of God

At the fullness of time, God chose Mary to bear the Messiah; so God powerfully shows that his favor toward us is assured.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7

Jake Larson

A Savior from Sin

The Son of Mary is the promised Immanuel who comes to save his people from sin. Even in his birth, his suffering begins as there is no place that welcomes him.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Reading: Luke 2:8-16

Jake Larson

The Greatest News, Greatest Joy!

God announces the birth of the Messiah, not to the powerful and influential, but to shepherds in the field.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night

Homily

Pastor Scott Phillips

Lighting of the Candles

Silent Night

(Words on the back cover)

Silent Night! Holy Night!

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.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly 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.

Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

