

*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, 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.**

**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.**

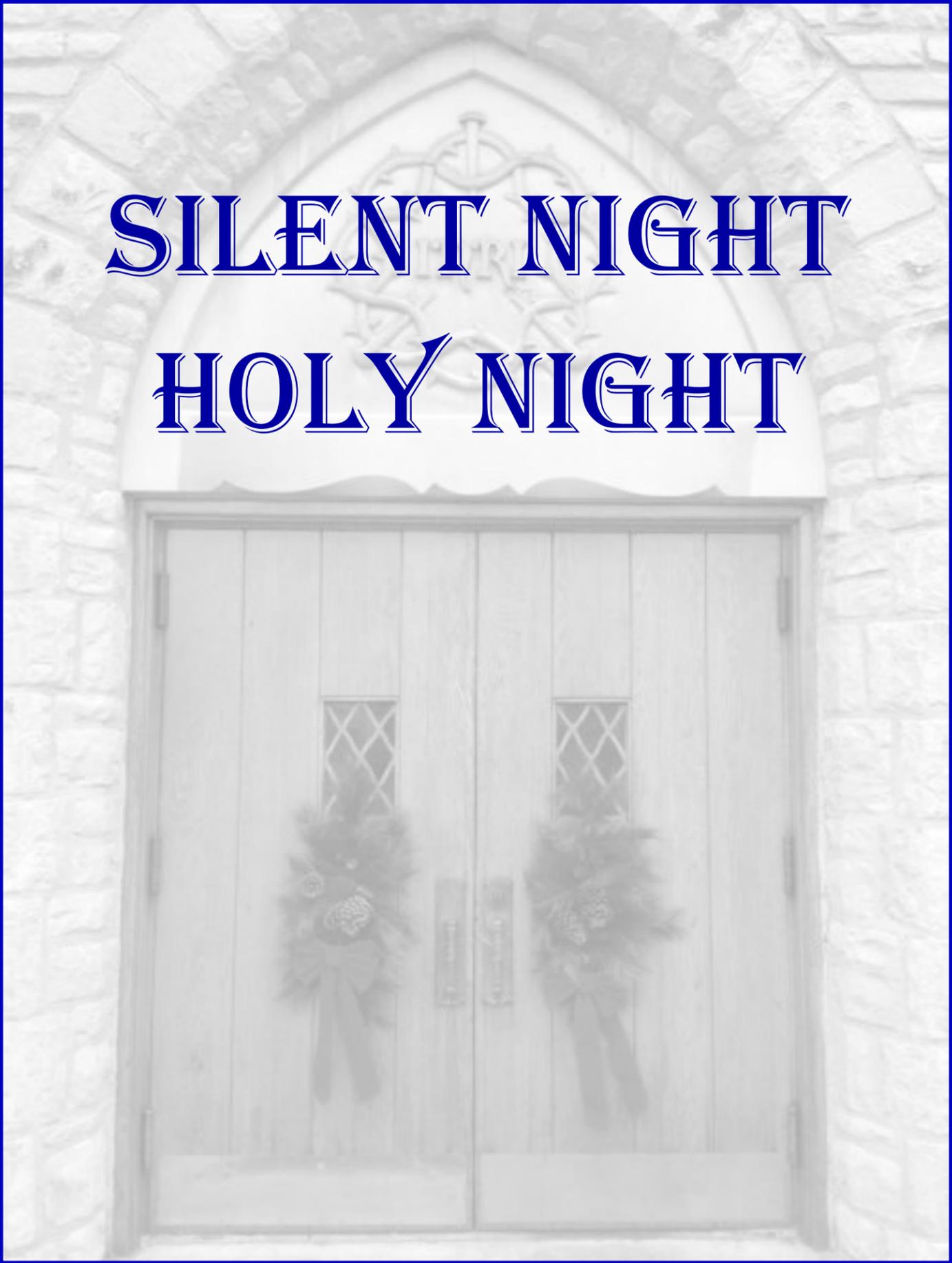
*Joy to the World!*

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

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

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



**SILENT NIGHT  
HOLY NIGHT**

# A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2016

Christmas Eve

8:00 p.m.

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## PRELUDE

“Carols Around (and around)”

Chancel Choir

arr. Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

## WELCOME

## INTROIT

“Gloria”

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

\*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We keep silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We stand idly by as violence takes over the lives of your children. Instead of being a light to the nations, we hide and pretend that your call to share your love does not exist and do not allow our lives to show forth your glory. Forgive us, we pray. Restore us through your amazing grace and guide us so that we faithfully share your love at all times and in all places. In the name of the Christ Child born in Bethlehem – the one who became the sacrificial lamb for us – we pray. Amen.

Response (Hymn No. 44, v. 4)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

\*RECEIVE GOD’S HEALING AND SHARE GOD’S PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you. *Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

\*SING GLORY TO GOD

Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

## FIRST LESSON

*Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14*

Louise Conner

## ANTHEM

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

by David Schwoebel

Chancel Choir

*O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! O rejoice! O Israel! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

## The Lord’s Prayer

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; 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.

## Communion

Communion is by “intinction.” The server will give you bread to dip in the cup as we all share “one bread, one cup.” Servers disinfect their hands prior to communion, and only they handle the bread. Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Gluten free bread is available next to the servers, and the cup is non-alcoholic. If you cannot come forward, communion will be brought to you.

## Prayer

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN NO. 60 (See back of bulletin)

Silent Night, Holy Night

HYMN NO. 40 (See back of bulletin)

Joy to the World!

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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*Greeters: David and Bonnie Grimm and Ted Smith*

*Elders: Grace Parks and Debbie Shealy*

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*We appreciate your support of the special Christmas Joy Offering this evening.  
This offering supports the development of the future racial ethnic leadership of our church through  
Presbyterian-related schools and colleges and aids church workers and their families in times of need.*

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> ~ One Service at 10:00 AM**

Please join us for our casual worship service on Christmas Day.

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> ~ One Service at 10:00 AM**

Please join us for our worship service on New Year’s Day.

## Our Regular Worship Schedule Resumes

**on Sunday, January 8, 2017**

**9:00 am ~ Casual Worship Service in the Chapel**

**10:00 am ~ Christian Education Classes for All Ages**

**11:15 am ~ Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary**

Please join us for worship and Sunday school in the New Year! All are welcome!

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## Leading Worship Tonight

**Pastor: Preston Shealy**

**Choir Director: Brady Brennan**

**Organist: Mary Ann Stephens**

*O come, thou wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh;  
 To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.  
 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
 Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease, Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! O, Rejoice! Rejoice, O Israel! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! O rejoice! Rejoice, O Israel! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, O Israel!*

**SECOND LESSON** *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7* George Ells

**ANTHEM** **“He Is Born”** arr. Robert Wetzler  
 Chancel Choir

*He is born, see the Child divine! Sound the oboe, play the bagpipes.  
 He is born; for the Child divine sing we all our sweetest song.  
 O'er the ages, passing slow did the prophets give us promise;  
 O'er the ages, passing slow, all the earth awaited this.  
 He is born, see the Child divine! Sound the oboe, play the bagpipes,  
 He is born; for the Child divine sing we all our sweetest song.*

*In a stable he was born, In a manger was his cradle; in a stable he was born, Humble Babe of Bethlehem.  
 He is born, see the child divine! Sound the oboe, play the bagpipes.  
 He is born; for the Child divine sing we all our sweetest song.*

*Come away, ye Orient Kings! Come and join us in our singing.  
 Come away, ye Orient Kings! Come and worship Christ the Lord!  
 He is born see the Child divine! Sound the oboe, play the bagpipes.  
 He is born; for the Child divine sing we all our sweetest song.  
 He is born, see the Child divine! Sing we all our sweetest song!*

**THIRD LESSON** *Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9* Merri Bame

**SOLO** **“Away in a Manger”** Setting by Evelyn R. Larter  
 Diane Cattran, flute

**FOURTH LESSON** *Luke 1:26-38* Debbie Shealy

**HYMN NO. 16** **The Angel Gabriel**

**FIFTH LESSON** *Matthew 1:18-25* Grace Parks

**HYMN** **Emmanuel**

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
 God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (repeat)**

**SIXTH LESSON** *Luke 2:1-7* Terry McFadden

**HYMN NO. 36** **In the Bleak Midwinter**

**SEVENTH LESSON** *Luke 2:8-20* Kyme Rennick

**HYMN NO. 31** **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**EIGHTH LESSON** *Matthew 2:1-12* Tim Harvey

**HYMN NO. 56** **The First Noel**

vs. 1 and 2 – Choir and Congregation  
 vs. 3-5 – Choir  
 v. 5 Refrain – Choir and Congregation

**NINTH LESSON** *John 1:1-14* Preston Shealy

**HYMN NO. 29** **Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *Following each petition, God's people respond:*

Leader: Loving God,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** **“Do You Know the Newborn Child?”** by Wilbur Chenoweth  
 based on 13th century plain song *Adoro Te Devote*  
 Chancel Choir

*Do you hear that music strange, sounding in the sky? Valleys, hills, and mountain range echo in reply.  
 “Glory in the highest!” Angels of the morn! Have they come to tell the world that the Christ is born?*

*Do you see that giant star shining in the night? All the earth, both near and far, glistens in its light.  
 “Glory in the highest!” Beacon of the skies! Has it come to show mankind where the answer lies?*

*Do you see the gentle glow in the cattle stall? Yes, a radiance, soft and low, permeating all.  
 “Glory in the highest!” In a stable bare! All the love of God and man finds expression there.*

*Do you know the newborn Child resting in the hay? Will mankind be reconciled on His natal day?  
 Glory in the highest, may our conflict cease. Humbly now let us receive Christ the Prince,  
 Christ the Prince of Peace.*

**\*Doxology Hymn (tune: Regent Square)** **Thank You, God, for Your Creation**

**Thank you, God, for your creation; Bless, O Lord, these gifts we bring.  
 Thank you, God, for Christ the Savior, your own precious offering.  
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Bless, O Lord, these gifts we bring.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation**

**Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right...