

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.**

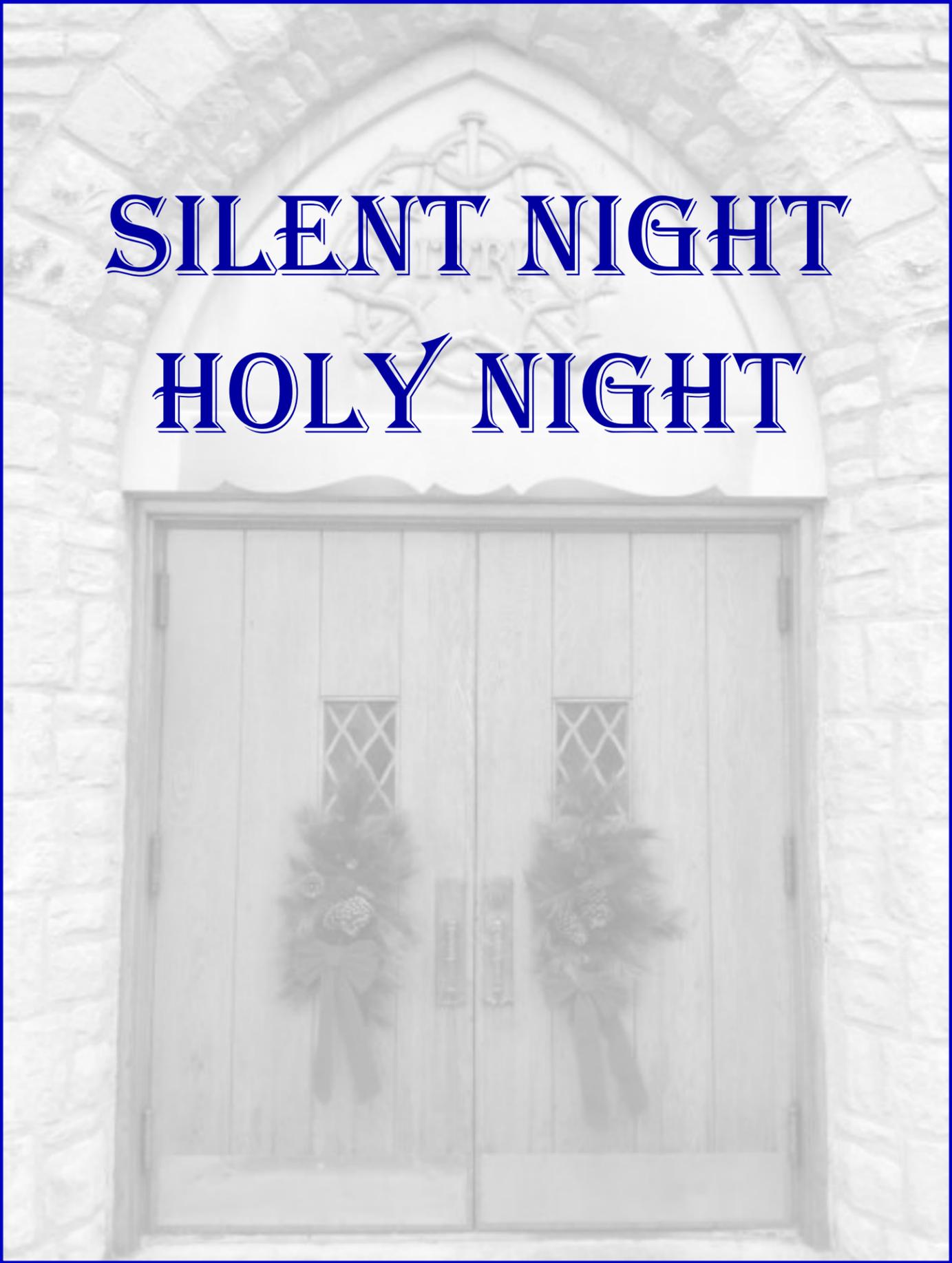
Joy to the World!

**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, 2017

Christmas Eve

8:00 p.m.

Pastor: Preston Shealy

Choir Director: Brady Brennan

Organist: Mary Ann Stephens

Greeters: Ted Smith and Bonnie and David Grimm

Elders: Cindy McKay and Debbie Shealy

PRELUDE

“Alleluia Madrigal”
“The Coming of the Lord”

Donald Moore
Pepper Choplin

*Lift up your heads, O gates, and make the highway straight, prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord.
Your waiting soon will end, God's glory will descend, rise up and welcome in the coming of the Lord.
Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord! Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord!
The ancient words foretell, God with us, He will dwell, Christ, our Emmanuel, and all will see the glory of the Lord!*

Lift up your heads...
*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. (O come, O come, prepare the way of the Lord.)
And then the deaf will hear, the blind will see Him clear, the mute will find their voice, the lame will leap for joy,
Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord! Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord!*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, our God, will come to us!
Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.*

Chancel Choir

WELCOME

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.

*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 (Hymn No. 23)

Angels We Have Heard on High

FIRST LESSON

Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14

Merri Bame

ANTHEM

“O Come, Emmanuel”

Elaine Hagenberg

*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,
And drive away the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light!*

Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all people in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease and fill the world with Heaven's peace.*

O Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come.

**Please stand if you are able.*

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Sunday, December 31 ~ One Service at 10:00 AM

Please join us for our worship service in the morning.

Our Regular Worship Schedule Resumes

on Sunday, January 7, 2018

9:00 am ~ Casual Worship Service in the Chapel

10:00 am ~ Christian Education Classes

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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SECOND LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Steve Hills

HYMN No. 26 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 Debbie Shealy

HYMN No. 48 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

FOURTH LESSON Luke 1:26-38 Paula Frank

HYMN NO. 16 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

FIFTH LESSON Matthew 1:18-25 Grace Parks

HYMN No. 31 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7 Charmaine Hamilton

SOLO "Away in a Manger" arr. Martin/Dengler
Diane Cattran, flute

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-20 Sarah Murdick

ANTHEM "Rose in December" arr. Paul A. Tate

*Sing me of a moon as it lingers to herald the new birth of the dawn.
Sing me of a bitter December when heaven bids that love be born.
So sacred the wind as it blows to places once barren and dry.
Sing me of the stars in the heavens that gaze upon this humble child.*

Congregation and Choir



*Sing me of a rose in the winter still blooming though the night so cold.
Sing me of a sign in December as mystery of love unfolds.
How holy the words that we hear in history, now hidden for years.
Sing that we will always remember: the wisdom of our God appears.*

Sing gloria...

*Sing me of a rose in December now blooming 'midst the winter snow.
Sing me of a fragrance so perfect, the purest that the world has yet known,
And all who come to hear his name will never know the world the same.
Sing me of a rose in December: Emmanuel, his holy name.*

Sing gloria...

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 Becky Elliott

SOLO "A La Ru" Hispanic Folk Song
Hollie Briggs, soprano

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 Cindy McKay

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 "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" setting, John Ferguson

*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
Thanksgiving
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.

Communion Meditation "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" arr. Craig Curry
Diane Cattran, flute; Sara Smith, bass

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 "Silent Night" arr. Janet Linker



*We appreciate your support of the special Christmas Joy Offering this evening.
This offering supports past and present church workers in need and the education
and leadership development of our church's future racial ethnic leaders.*

*Please stand if you are able.