

Salem Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Service & Communion
Thursday, December 24, 2020



Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery
Organist: Connie O'Neill

Prelude
Lighting of the Christ Candle
Pastor's Welcome

Rev. Thomas Emery

Invocation God of Light, shine brightly in our world, through the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your grace is more abundant than our sinfulness, so that the light continues to shine despite our world's love of darkness. We have been too preoccupied in this season to concentrate on giving You praise for the birth of Your Son. We have refused His peace, and we have failed to live in a spirit of good will. Renew us in the spirit of wonder, so that we may hear with renewed attention the Good News, of the coming of our Savior. We pray in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn **O Little Town of Bethlehem** 92

Responsive reading **Incarnate Word** (responsive reading #21 in back of hymnal pg. 473)

1st Lesson Luke 1:26-35
2nd Lesson Luke 1:46-56
3rd Lesson Luke 2:1-7

*Hymn **Angels We Have Heard on High** 89

4th Lesson Luke 2:8-14
5th Lesson Luke 2:15-20

Meditation "God's Light in Our Darkness" Rev. Thomas Emery

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-28 Rev. Thomas Emery

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer Rev. Thomas Emery

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of Power and Might,

Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory. "Our Father....."

Communion of the People

Candlelight Singing **Silent Night! Holy Night!** Hand Bells & Organ

***Congregation begins to sing when organ plays. Back page of bulletin*

Benediction

Merry Christmas to all!



**Those who are able are invited to stand.*



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.

Merry Christmas to all!



The light shines
in the darkness,
and the darkness
has not overcome it.

John 1:5

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