

Online Christmas Eve Worship

Shavertown United Methodist Church

December 24, 2020

Merry Christmas! Welcome to Christmas Eve Worship!
May the Holy Spirit touch your heart of this most holy night.

GIFT OF MUSIC

Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)
Solo: Emma Oley

C.Eaton/Amy Grant

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Robin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rich, Liturgist

He's coming! He's coming! The Savior of the World is coming!

Let us prepare our hearts to greet him!

He comes to each one of us, healing and restoring our lives!

Praise be to God for God's mighty gift to us.

O Come, Prince of Peace, bring your light to us!

We are ready to receive you in our lives!

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, in days of old you sent your angels to tell shepherds the good news:

"To you is born this day a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord." Help us hear with the shepherds this good news, that we too may glorify and praise you for all that we have seen and heard. Amen.

OPENING CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Verses 1-4) # 234

1.O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten not created;
(Refrain)

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
(Refrain)

4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
(Refrain)

THE PROPHETIC WITNESS

Isaiah 9:2, 6

Pastor Robin

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ADVENT WREATH MEDITATION AND LIGHTING

Amy and Sheri

A TIME WITH ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Do You Hear What I Hear?
Chancel Choir Ensemble

N. Regney/G. Shayne

GIVING OUR GIFT TO JESUS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, on this night so long ago, you gave. The world received. With grateful hearts, we bring our offering of praise and thanksgiving. Accept it, we pray, out of love for the Giver and the Gift. Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20

RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS

Angels We Have Heard on High

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Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

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

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
(Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ, whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King
(Refrain)

See him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.
(Refrain)

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

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THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Do You Have Room?
Solo: Lisa Snell

By: S. Belt Edwards

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER followed by The Lord's Prayer

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Silent Confession
Words of Assurance
The Great Thanksgiving
Sharing the Bread and Cup
Thanksgiving Prayer

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

As Christ comes bearing the radiant image of God's love, we recommit ourselves to living as His bright light in a darkened world.

HYMN

Night of the Father's Love

Chancel Choir Ensemble

Silent Night, Holy Night

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1. 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.

2. 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!

3. 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.

4. 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!

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

POSTLUDE

The Messiah Medley

G.F. Handel

For Unto Us a Child Is Born, He Shall Feed His Flock, And the Glory of the Lord



*We wish all of you a Merry Christmas
and a Healthy and Happy New Year!*