

## ⌘ CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Passing the Light of Jesus' Christmas Love and Good-will

**Please: Hold lit candles upright** to avoid spilling hot wax, **Tip unlit candles** to receive the flame of Christ's Spirit.

### **Hymn: Silent Night, Holy Night #60 Presbyterian Hymnal**

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. 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.

### **\*Benediction**

May you be strengthened with hope as God draws near to us.  
May you be filled with peace as Christ is born unto us.  
May you rejoice in the Spirit as we are made God's children.  
May you be sent in love to shine the light of our newborn King.

### **\*Sending Song: Joy to the World #40 Presbyterian Hymnal**

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 men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

#### **(Raise candles high on the final verse)**

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.

**Please Blow out candles gently to avoid spilling hot wax**

*Locust Presbyterian*

*Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion*

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship:** Isaiah 9:2-7

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.  
You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall  
be burned as fuel for the fire.  
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.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the  
throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time  
onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**\*Ingathering Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful #41 Presbyterian Hymnal**

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!

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!

**Lighting the Advent Candle of Christ's Light** **Rev. Amo**

**Anthem Born on This Night** **LPC Choir**

*Written by Nathan Barlow, Jenn Schott, Bart Allmand; Arranged by Cliff Duren*

**Corporate Scripture Reading:** John 1

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

**All: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

Leader: He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

**All: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.**

**Offering – To be used for a special Mission**

**Musical Offering: Jesus, What a Wonderful Child** **LPC Choir**

*Written by Bob McGee; Arranged by Russell Mauldin*

**Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20** **Rev. Amo**

**Message: Born Into the World/Invited Into the Story**

**Meditation Song: Mary Did You Know?** **LPC Choir**

*Written by Buddy Greene, Mark Lowry; Arranged by Russell Mauldin*

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Preparing to Receive God's Gifts**

*Spend a few moments reflecting in God's presence*

**Words of Institution**

**Receiving God's Gifts at Table**

