

HARVEY BROWNE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

via Facebook Live & YouTube Live

THE GATHERING

PRELUDES

Angels We Have Heard on High

Katie Stewart

The First Nowell

Hayden and Laura Krausen

God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman/We Three Kings

Sara and Peter Ritchie

What Child is This?

HB Children

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

“Good news of great joy,” the angel said. “for to you a savior is born.”

“Peace on earth,” the choir sang. “Glory to God in the highest.”

“Fear Not!” God tells us again. “For Hope was born in Bethlehem.”

As we light the Christ candle, we watch for the Christmas story around us.

Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.

Come, let us adore him.

HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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!

True God of true God, Light of light eternal,

born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

very God, begotten, not created! (Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;

sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

“Glory to God, all glory in the highest!” (Refrain)

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

A voice cries out in the wilderness: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near!
Trusting in God's grace, let us share the ways we have fallen short, that we might walk in the light of Christ. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. For it is in Jesus' holy name we pray.

Silence is kept for personal prayer.

SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 121) *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

*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.*

DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

With joy, let us draw water from the springs of salvation. Give thanks to the Lord!
Call on God's name. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 113) *Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cynthia Weller

Creator of the stars, in the stillness of this moment we wait; in the stillness of this moment we listen. As we hear your Word today, we wait for you and listen for your voice. Break into our lives with your eternal light and teach us your ways, that we may walk in your path of truth.
Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

READING Luke 2: 1-7 Cynthia Weller

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ES IST EIN' ROS'
Ellen Zuber and Mark Wood, handbells

READING Luke 2: 8-14 Rev. Dr. Tim Cargal

CHORAL RESPONSE *Bethlehem Night* by Mark Foster
HB Virtual Children's choir

READING Luke 2: 15-20 Becca and Justin Harrison

HOMILY Rev. Christine Coy Fohr

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God has come to us as a little child, filling our hearts with joy to be shared with one another. We believe that God has birthed righteousness and justice into the world, giving us a law that will be written upon our hearts, making the cause of the oppressed the highest priority, declaring an everlasting reign of peace, defeating the power of pain and suffering. We believe that God calls us to participate in this reality of love, inviting us to proclaim Christ's resurrection at the Table, transforming us as disciples to go out into the world, sending us forth to announce his kingdom of peace and comfort, challenging us to see everyone as nothing less than beloved children. This we believe. This we seek to embody in word and deed.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Still, Still, Still* Robert Hobby

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...Lord, hear us, **Lord graciously hear us.**

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

READING

John 1: 1-5, 9-14

HYMN 122

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

*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! 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.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY