

The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.



Welcome everyone.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all on earth!

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A Celebration of the Nativity

The Prelude

Four Variations on *In Dulci Jubilo*
in the style of a 17th c French Noel

Larry Visser

Welcome and Call to Worship

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

Come; let us go in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.

Let us go with the shepherds,

Let us go with the wise ones,

Let us go with the poor and humble,

Let us go with all the peoples and all creation.

Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him: Christ the Lord!

*Carol 133, vs 1,3,4

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

*The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Rev. Keith Thompson

Unison Prayer:

Holy God, we thank you for Jesus. By his birth, he has shown us that we are greatly loved.

Help us to make a place for him in our hearts, so that all may know your peace, hope, love and joy. Amen.

*Carol 134, vs. 1

Joy to the World!

Antioch

Listen To Christmas

Luke 2:1-20

Introduction

The Story of Jesus' Birth:

Luke 2:1-7

Carol 115, vs. 1

Away in a Manger

Mueller

The Story of the Angels:

Luke 2:8 -14

Carol 113, vs. 1

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

The Story of the Shepherds:

Luke 2:15-20

Carol 119, vs. 1

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

The Story of *The Christmas Goat*

written by Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

Christmas Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Keith Thompson

Our Father and Mother, 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.

*Those who are able are invited to stand. Bold indicates congregational response.

The Christmas Offering

The paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness. It is right to share our blessing in a world where justice for many is still but a dream, and mercy is but a hope seen from afar. With thankful hearts, let us share our gifts out of gratitude. Let us be God's messengers, God's angels of hope.

The Offertory

Carol of the Manger

Dale Wood

Prayer of Dedication

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that stars shine in the sky.

We believe that shepherds keep watch over their flocks.

We believe that Mary gave birth to a baby.

Christmas is real.

**Even though it happened long ago and far away,
the birth of Jesus has made all of life holy.**

Jesus is real.

Even though he was God's Son, Jesus lived a human life.

And so, he knows our joy and sadness.

**He experiences our pain and our pleasure,
all the while, he is one with God.**

Hope is real.

Even though the world is troubled, Christmas promises us that God is love.

We know that God's reign will come on earth as it is in heaven.

Love is real. Thanks be to God!

Lighting of the Candles

*The candle lighters will light the candles of the worshippers nearest the aisle who will, in turn,
pass the light along. Please keep the lighted candle upright.
Dip the unlighted candle into the flame.*

**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...**

**Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born..."**

Please use the small plastic cup in the pew to extinguish your candle.

Benediction

Postlude

Noel on "He Is Born, the Divine Christ-Child"

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Larry Visser



Announcements

Many thanks to the donors of the poinsettias which grace our Sanctuary. The poinsettias will be delivered to the homebound and other members of our congregation. Copies of the list of donors are available in the Narthex.



Join us for worship on Sunday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m. for a service of Christmas singing. The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert and Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music, will lead the congregation in scripture and song.

Please Support the Ministries of CCPC through a financial pledge or gift. To make a gift or submit a pledge, please go online to www.chevychasepc.org/give or contact our Business Manager, Thomas Batties at Businessmanager@chevychasepc.org. Thank you!



The Church Facilities will be closed on Monday December 26th and Tuesday December 27th. Offices will re-open on Wednesday, December 28th at 9:00 a.m. The church will close again on January 2nd, 2023.



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