



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
“The Whole Story of Christmas”

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020
7:00 PM

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Shining the light of the gospel into the
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~Respond by reading the words printed in **BOLD** during our
worship together~

Prelude

Manger Medley

Owens

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given!

All: The promises of God are fulfilled!

Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Candles

Leader: Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us; Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus. It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the Christ Candle. (Light all the Advent Candles and the Christ Candle)

All: We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ our hope is fulfilled; our love is consummated; our joy is complete; and our peace is sealed.

Leader: Rejoice, a Savior is born.

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

insert

Call to Confession

Friends, the grace of Christ educates us so that we can live sensible, ethical and godly lives. On this eve of his birth, we confess that we struggle to receive him still.

Please read with me the Prayer of Confession, followed by a time of silent confession.

Prayer of Confession

God of our Savior, we ask for your mercy. We still seek security in pride and power and possessions. We resist the cost of following you. Forgive us, we pray. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you,

turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

L: Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Good news! Great joy!
In Jesus Christ the grace of God
has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
Glory to God in heaven, and on earth, peace.

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray for illumination as we hear the reading of God's Word:

We would make room for you this night of all nights, dear Lord: room in our minds and hearts; room also in our life together. Let your word be born in us anew so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, your splendor shines in us and through us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Whole Story of Christmas

Scripture Reading and Meditation	Genesis 1:1, 26-31
Scripture Reading and Meditation	Genesis 3:14-19, 23
Chancel Choir Anthem Listen	<i>Phil Loewen, guest clarinetist</i>
Scripture Reading and Meditation	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, 7:14
Scripture Reading and Meditation	Luke 1:26-38
Special Music Mary Did You Know?	Sung by Miranda Shoop
Scripture Reading and Meditation	Luke 2:1-17
Hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	insert
Scripture Reading and Meditation	John 19:28-30

Prayers of the People and The 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; Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We Light our Candles

Scripture Reading and Meditation	Revelation 21:1-2, 22-25
Hymn Silent Night, Holy Night	insert

Charge and Blessing

God's Word has come to earth to bring us together in love.
Go in peace to love and serve Christ.
And may the song of the angels,
The joy of the shepherds,
And the peace of the Christ child
Be with you this night and always. Amen!

Congregational Response

Joy to The World!

**Joy to the World! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King:
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing (2x)
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

Postlude

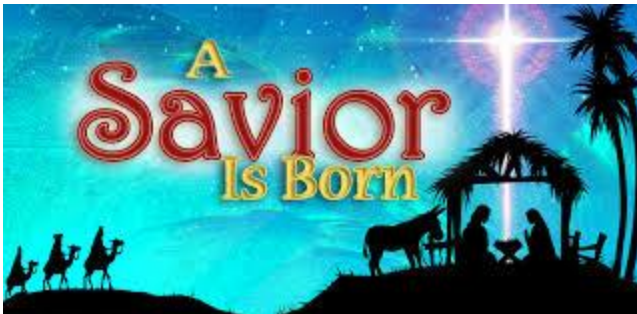
Silent Night

Dale Wood

SERVING IN WORSHIP
Accompanist: Joan Loewen Worship Assistant: Cole Cullen Special Music: Miranda Shoop

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from Lewistown Presbyterian Church!

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together. Zoom information is available through the
church office or search "Lewistown Presbyterian
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O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e-ter-nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an-gels; sing in ex-ul-ta-tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing; Je-

ye; O come ye to Beth-le-hem! Come, and be-hold him,
 of a vir-gin, a mor-tal he comes; ver-y God, be-
 all ye cit-i-zens of heaven a-bove! Glo-ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo-ry given; Word of the Fa-ther,

Refrain

born the King of an-gels!
 got-ten, not cre-at-ed! O come, let us a-dore him; O come, let
 glo-ry in the high-est!
 now in flesh ap-pear-ing!

us a-dore him; O come, let us a-dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king,
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Silent Night, Holy Night

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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight.
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, won - drous star, lend thy light;
Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, ein - sam wacht

round you vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild,
 Glo - ry streams from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia,
 ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our King;
nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar. Hold - er Kna - be im lock - i - gen Haar,

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.
schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh', schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh!"

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 MUSIC: Franz Grüber, 1818

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Time: December 24, 2020; 7:00 PM

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