

## CHRISTMAS EVE 2019

### PRELUDE

Carols from Foreign Lands

Joyful News, *Bohemian*

Cold December Fled Away, *Spanish*

Good Christian Men Rejoice, *German*

See the Dear Little Jesus, *Polish*

What Child is This, *English*

Lullaby, My Little Son, *Norwegian*

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella, *French*

When Christ, Our Lord Was Born, *Italian*

A Child is Born to You Today, *Scotch*

### CHRISTMAS GREETING

#### \* LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: We have watched; we have waited...

...in hope. (*The first candle is lit*)

...for peace. (*The second candle is lit*)

...in joy! (*The third candle is lit*)

...with love. (*The fourth candle is lit*)

Now our redemption draws near!

(*The Christ candle is lit*)

One: Hear the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 9:2-7:

(*The Scripture is read*)

One: Glory to God in the highest!

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

#### \* HYMN #134

“Joy to the World”

#### \* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**We come to adore you, little one. We adore you on bended knee, with hopeful heart, and eyes stretched wide with wonder and awe. The gentleness of your gaze draws us into the mystery of all that lies beyond, and in that place of falling into joy we yield all that we are to you. And we pray. For those who are broken, those who seek, the trembling and the rumbling tummies, the haggard spirits and the ragged lives. For those who cling**

**to the last best thing, and those whose hearts pine for love. Bless us, O Lord, whom we adore, and turn our faces ever toward you. For peace, for mercy, for the sake of all that is holy. We come to adore you, O Christ. Amen.**

\* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRISTMAS

“The Prince of Peace has come!”

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\* HYMN #113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Titus 2:11-14 and Luke 2:1-20

ANTHEM “Little Child of Love” Price & Besig

HOMILY “Paradox Is Good for the Soul” Stacey Steck

\* HYMN #145 “What Child Is This”

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC “O Holy Night” Cappeau & Adam  
Addy and Carly Moore

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*Weather permitting, all are invited to follow the children outside for the sharing of the light of Christ.*

\* HYMN #122 “Silent Night, Holy Night!”

*(Words on back of bulletin)*

\* BENEDICTION

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*No offering will be received at this service, but if you wish to make a Christmas gift, please leave it in the basket in the Narthex.*

*Some resources used in this service from re-worship.blogspot.com and pcusa.org*

## **Silent Night**

**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 a far,  
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**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.**

**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.**

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