



Joy to the World!



*Christmas Eve Service*

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December 24, 2021

7:00 p.m.

*\*Hymn No. 147*

*"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

*(Chimes will play first time through. Then congregation will join in.)*

*PRELUDE*

*Away in a Manger/Still, Still, Still*

*WELCOME TO WORSHIP*

*We warmly welcome you to worship today! We are a Christ centered Church of Grace, Hope, and Love committed to mission in Newberg and throughout the world. May we all be refreshed as we worship the Living God.*

*A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE*

*Nancy Thurston*

*With quietness, O God,  
our hearts stand near the simple stall where the Child is to be born.  
For a moment,  
the noise of the world is still and the joy of heaven is easily heard.  
Be with our worship tonight as the Great Mystery of the birth unfolds.  
Let us sense again the reality of the great promise.*

*"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." Amen*

*\*Hymn No. 145*

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

*THE INVITATION TO WORSHIP GOD*

*Reid Thurston*

*L: In this 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.*

*Silent Night! Holy Night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia"  
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.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

*\*Hymn No. 125 "Joy to the World!"*

*\*THE BLESSING*

*POSTLUDE*

*"He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child"*

*\*Hymn No. 132 (vs. 1, 2, 3) "Angels We Have Heard On High"*

**THE STORY OF THE FULFILLMENT FROM THE EVANGELIST**

*Luke 2: 15-21*

*Reverend Chris Murphy*

*\*Hymn No. 137 (vs. 1, 3) "What Child Is This?"*

**MEDITATION:** *Celebrating the Birth of Christ*

*Reverend Chris Murphy*

*\*Special Music "O Holy Night"*

*Lorraine Sarnacki*

**A POEM**

*Corinne Waterbury*

*"Blessed Are You Who Bear the Light"  
by Jan Richardson*

*Blessed are you who bear the light  
in unbearable times,  
who testify to its endurance,  
amid the unendurable,  
who bear witness to its persistence  
when everything seems in shadow and grief.*

*Blessed are you in whom the light lives,  
in whom the brightness blazes-  
your heart a chapel  
an altar where in the deepest night  
can be seen the fire that  
shines forth in you in unaccountable faith  
in stubborn hope  
in love that illumines every broken thing it finds.*

### **III. We Extend the Light of Christ into our World**

*You received a candle as you entered. Prior to singing "Silent Night"  
we will turn on our candles together.*

*During the third verse of Silent Night, we hold our candles high so that our  
light may be seen from afar. We fulfill the meaning of our worship as we  
carry Christ's light into the world.*

*C: We ponder your mystery with Mary and Joseph*

*L: On this holy night,*

*C: We come with the shepherds to worship.*

*L: On this night of joy for the world,*

*C: We sing praises with choirs of angels.*

*L: In the darkness of this night,*

*All: We celebrate the Light of the World.*

## **I. The Promise of One to Come**

**WE COMPLETE THE CIRCLE OF LIGHT**

*Reid Thurston*

*The Old Testament Prophecy of Immanuel  
The Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 7, verse 14*

*The Old Testament Prophecy of Anticipation  
The Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 11, verses 1-3*

*The Old Testament Prophecy of Fulfillment  
The Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 9, verses 2, 6-7*

**WE LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*Carol Swehla and family*

*\*Hymn No. 134 "Emmanuel"*

**THE NEW TESTAMENT BIRTH NARRATIVE**

*Anthony Stevens*

*Luke 1: 26-38*

*\*Hymn No. 141 (vs. 1, 2) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

## **II. The Fulfillment: Emmanuel - God with us**

**THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

*David Waterbury*

*Luke 2: 8-14*