



Christmas Eve Service

First Presbyterian Church of West Chester

December 24, 2021

10:00 pm

Prelude

Winter Wonderland
Dave Brubeck

Christmas Medley
Brant Adams

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Call to Worship

Rejoice, oh people of God. The light has come into the world.

There is no shadow it cannot illumine.

Let us worship the one whose light invites all creation to life abundant.

Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn # 134

Joy to the World

*Prayer of the Day

Vulnerable God, before whom rulers surrender,

Release us from the powers that lay claim upon our lives.

Let us not miss your salvation in those places which seem poor and insignificant.

Clear our eyes, as you did for the shepherds and saints before us,

So that we may see the glory that surrounds us always. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Welcome

Special music

The Holly and the Ivy
arr. Chip Davis

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Hymn # 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

A Christmas Story

“Christmas at the Gas Station”
Story by Rev. David L. Griffith

Rev. Ann Dickey

*Hymn # 136

Go, tell It on the Mountain

Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*As the bread is lifted, you are invited to eat.
As the cup is lifted, you are invited to drink.*

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;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Light of Christ

*Light your candle from your neighbor's, lowering the unlit taper into the flame.
After the sanctuary lights come back on, put out the flame by placing it under
the small plastic communion cup at your seat.*

Congregational Response

Silent Night, Holy Night

*The soloist will sing the first verse in German;
then the congregation will sing all 3 verses.*

**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! 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.**

Blessing

Postlude

What Child Is This
arr. David Dickey

**You are invited to stand as you desire.*

Leading us in worship today are Rev. Ann Dickey, Parish Associate; David Dickey, liturgist; Tracy Burke, flute; Julie Claeys, piano accompanist; Sam Prochnau, piano. Our greeters are Dennis & Adriana Park and Judy Reynolds.

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