

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 p.m.

PRELUDE Noel Grand Jeu et Duo - Louis-Claude Daquin
Ding! Dong! Merrily on High - arr. Larry Shackley
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen - arr. Larry Shackley
Christmas Medley - arr. Gary Lanier
La Nativité - Jean Langlais

CHORAL INTROIT *Once in Royal David's City*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Blaine Crawford
Eternal God, from the tabernacle of heaven to the poverty of the manger, your radiant light shines forth in a tiny baby wrapped in rags; such humble love astounds us. In Jesus you have become one with us that we might become one with you. Open our hearts to joyfully receive his love that he may be born in us, and we in him, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is born: **glorify him!**

Christ comes from heaven: **go out to meet him.**

Christ descends to earth: **let us be raised on high.**

CAROL: O Come, All Ye Faithful *(see insert)* **ADESTE FIDELIS**

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE Rev. Crawford

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The light shines in the darkness.

And the darkness did not overcome it.

For the Sun of righteousness has arisen.

For Christ is born in Bethlehem.

CAROL: 31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing **MENDELSSOHN**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THANKSGIVING

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

CAROL #40 Joy to the World! **ANTIOCH**

SACRED SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 52:7-10

CAROL #22 Angels, from the Realms of Glory **REGENT SQUARE**

SACRED SCRIPTURE: Psalm 98

CAROL #28 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice **IN DULCI JUBILO**

SACRED SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 1:1-4

CAROL #36 In the Bleak Midwinter **CRANHAM**

SACRED SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-14

CAROL #38 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear **CAROL**

HOMILY Rev. Crawford

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam

CANDLE LIGHTING

CAROL: Silent NIGHT *(see insert)* **STILLE NACHT**

BENEDICTION Rev. Crawford

POSTLUDE: *In dulci jubilo, BWV 729* Johann Sebastian Bach

THE MUSIC

Mechelle Tippetts, soprano
Chelsea Zak, alto

Pablo Provencio, baritone
Marjorie Hone, flute

THE USHERS serving you this evening are Tom Rusk, Donna Taylor, Reuben Garcia, Lisa Niven, & Joyce Chaluisan.

This year's Christmas offering will be given to the **PCUSA's Christmas Joy Offering**. The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. Gifts can also be made on-line (select Christmas Offering): <https://onrealm.org/IrvingtonPresbyCh/-/form/give/now>

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IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2021

~ CHRISTMAS EVE ~

MINISTER: REV. DR. BLAINE D. CRAWFORD
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: JONATHAN RISS, FAGO, CHM

CAROL: O Come, All Ye Faithful

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O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold Him born the King of Angels
(Refrain)

Ref: O come, let us adore Him,
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O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Vs. 2: God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created (Refrain)

Vs. 3: Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God in the highest: (Refrain)

Vs. 4: Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
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round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Vs. 2: Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"

Vs. 3: Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
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with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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