



Perinton Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2021
5pm

*We are so glad to have you with us on this joyous night,
as we gather to celebrate Christ's birth.*

*If you are looking for a church home, know that you are welcome here
and we hope you will be blessed by this time of worship.*

Please take a moment now to silence electronic devices. Welcome!

Prelude

"Emmanuel – Away in a Manger"

Children's Choir

"Good King Wenceslas"

5-6 Grade Bell Choir

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Youth Group Ensemble

Welcome

Pastor

Laura Fry

Lighting of Christ Candle

The Fabrizi Family

"Candles of Advent"

***Advent candles warm and bright,
Fill the world with radiant light.
Help us greet the Promised One;
now the Son of God has come***

* Call to Worship: Isaiah 9 and Luke 2

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.**

A child has been born, a son given to us,
Authority rests upon his shoulders.

He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest;

Peace to God's people on earth!

*"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies
With th' angelic host proclaim:
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark, the herald angels sing,
glory to the newborn King.*

*Prayer of Adoration and Renewal

O King of Nations, we rejoice in our celebration of Christmas, for truly you have come, full of grace and truth. Even now, come into our hearts again. Show us the path of knowledge. Comfort us in our mourning. Save us from our sin. Open wide our way to heaven. Turn our darkness into light. End our sad divisions and be our King of peace, so that every creature in heaven and on earth will join a chorus of praise, and shout with joy to you, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

* "Gloria"

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Youth Group Ensemble

Minute for Mission

Offering

*Tonight's offerings will support our youth group's
mission service in our community and world.
Thank you for your generosity!*

Offertory

"What Child is This" Medley

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Reading: Selections from Isaiah 11

New Testament Reading: Luke 2:1-14

"Christmas Joy"

Pastor Laura Fry

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Go, tell it on the mountain

Over the hills and everywhere

Go, tell it on the mountain

That Jesus Christ is born!

Affirmation of Faith: John 1:1-5, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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O Christ, our light, **hear our prayer.**

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 now

and forever. Amen.

“The Littlest Star”

“While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night”

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,

All seated on the ground,

The angel of the Lord came down,

And glory shone around. And glory shone around.

“The First Noel”

The first noel the angels did say

Was to certain poor shepherds

In fields where they lay

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep

On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel!

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem,

How still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep

The silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth,

The everlasting light;

The hopes and fears of all the years,

Are met in Thee tonight.

“We Three Kings

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*We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star
O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light*

“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.*

Benediction

May the love that made the stars be your guiding light.
May the love revealed in Jesus be your hope and your
salvation.

And may the love of the ever-present Spirit
give you comfort, joy, and peace

“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, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

Postlude

Ivanka Driankova

** Please rise in body or in spirit for these portions of the service.*

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Worship with Us on Christmas Sunday!

On Christmas Sunday, December 26, we will worship together at 9:30am (not 8:30 or 11:00 on December 26--or January 2). Children are urged to come in their pajamas. Adults are encouraged to wear Christmassy clothing, from head to toe. This is a special Sunday and we are going to celebrate joyfully.

COVID Safety

We want to remind everyone of our COVID safety practices at PPC:

1. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home and rest.
2. We urge everyone to get vaccinated.
3. Thank you for wearing masks in the church building.
4. Please offer warm spoken greetings, rather than handshakes or hugs.
5. Take-home rapid COVID test kits are available free in the narthex!

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