



Lancaster  
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Church

*A Congregation of  
the Evangelical  
Presbyterian Church*

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# Welcome to Christmas Eve Worship

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## Philippians 2:1-8 Condensation

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; <sup>4</sup> do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

### Purpose:

For God's glory  
we are committed  
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ  
in all we say and all we do  
to make and equip disciples  
in our families, our community, and the world.

### Core Values:

We believe in the authority of Scripture  
and we affirm  
the historic teachings  
of Reformed Christianity.

## **Prelude: *Carol Medley***

### **\*Gathering Song: *Joy To The World!***

Tan Hymnal No. 171

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.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns, let men their songs employ.

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground.

He comes to make His blessing flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove.

The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

## **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship: Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Reader:** Joy to the world the Lord is come!

**All:** *Having obtained help from God, we stand to this day testifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place; that the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of His resurrection from the dead He would be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."*

**Unison Prayer:** Lord Jesus, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Please use us in building Your kingdom. Increase our capacity for service and hasten the day of Your return. For Your praise and glory we pray, Amen.

### ***First Reading of the Christmas Story: Matthew 1:18-25***

**\*Hymn: *Angels We Have Heard on High***

Tan Hymnal No. 192

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains

*Chorus: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis, Deo!*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heavenly song?

*Chorus*

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore, on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

*Chorus*

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Lord Jesus, angels bow before You,  
countless hosts adore You.

Worthy Lamb Slain,  
You deserve our praise.

We stand in need of Your forgiveness.  
Please hear the confession of our sins  
in the silence of this moment.

**Silent Confession**

Master, we live to serve You.  
We do not belong to ourselves, we belong to You.  
Order and command us, Lord Jesus.  
Your service is our joy! Amen.

***Second Reading of the Christmas Story: Luke 2:1-7***

**Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

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!

***Third Reading of the Christmas Story: Luke 2:8-20***

**\*Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful***

Tan Hymnal No.193

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

*Chorus: O come let us adore Him, O Come let us adore Him*

*O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation;

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above

Glory to God, all glory in the highest

*Chorus*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;

O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

*Chorus*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Philippians 2:1-8**

**Condescension**

**Pastor Kelly Negus**

**\*Lighting of the Candles: *Silent Night! Holy Night!***

Tan Hymnal No.195

*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 afar, 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. Amen.*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Parting Song: *Were You There on that Christmas Night?***

*Were you there, were you there on that Christmas night,  
When the world was full of a holy light?  
Were you there to behold when the wonder foretold ... Came to earth?  
Did you see, did you see how they hailed Him King,  
With the gifts so rare that they chose to bring?  
Did you see how they bowed as they praised Him aloud ... At His birth?  
Did you hear how the choirs of Angels sang, at the Glory of the sight?  
Did you hear how the bells of Heaven rang ... All through the night?  
Did you know, did you know it was God's own Son,  
The salvation of the world begun?  
Did you know it was love that was sent from above, to the earth?  
Did you know it was love that was sent from above, to the earth?*

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**Postlude**

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