

Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night!

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| <p>1. 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.</p> <p>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!"</p> | <p>3. 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</p> <p>4. 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.</p> |
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Christmas Eve

2018

5 pm

Closing Litany

In the beginning, God said, "Let there be light" and there was light.

God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.

If I say "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me become night,"

Even darkness is not dark to God; the night is as bright as the day.

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

If we walk in the light we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

And God saw that the light was good.

Benediction

(Please extinguish all candles following the benediction.)

*Postlude:

Finale on "Adeste Fideles"

Marcel Dupré

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Our Bulletin Cover. For our cover tonight, we asked Dana Applestein, DPC member, to select one of the covers she drew in years past, for this wondrous season. We are thankful to God for her talent and the sharing of it with our family of faith tonight and over the years.

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Lauren Spadt, Annie Maclin and Sophia Nardo. Lauren is active in the music program and Element as well as being a youth elder. Sophia Nardo serves as an usher and is a youth elder. She is active on the youth committee and the nominating committee. Annie Maclin serves as a youth deacon, a children's worship time assistant and an active youth choir member.

Assisting tonight—Josh Gill

Sound System—Rob Purdy

Greeters—Chris Nardo, Lindsay Shull, Connie Waters

Ushers—Bruce Applestein, John Baker, Michael Dau, Galen and Janet Hays, Price Jones, Tom and Kathy Maclin, Art Shull, Mike Waters

Liturgy notes: the Advent wreath litany comes from the Office of Theology and Worship, PC (USA) and the prayer of confession from Touch Holiness, Ruth Duck—pg. 25.

Worship next Sunday. We will have one worship service on December 30 at 9:30 am. There will be no Church School classes, but the nursery is still provided.

Tonight's offering will go to support relief efforts through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program following this year's hurricanes in the southeast and wildfires in California. We encourage you to give generously as we help those in need.

2019 Offering Envelopes Year-End Giving Information
2019 Envelopes are available for pick-up in the Celtic Cross Room. Members and friends of DPC who do not currently have envelopes and would like them, contact Linay Richards at 215-348-3531 or linayr@dtownpc.org. Donations credited to 2018 must be received in the church office by **5 pm on Monday, December 31** or postmarked with a **2018** date.



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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018

5:00 pm

Gathering as God's Family

Prelude *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* Michael Ryan
Celebration Ringers

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
We light these candles because Jesus, the light of the world,
was born on this day and he brightens all things.
Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

*Hymn 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, who promised to send a Redeemer to your people, we confess that we have not trusted that promise, but have busied ourselves so much as to miss the miracle of this night. We give presents, but fail to be present to one another and to you. We gather with others to celebrate, but fail to welcome the stranger in our midst. We have become so busy, and fail to receive your peace. Forgive us, and teach us to wait for the fulfillment of your promise, in the Child of Bethlehem.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession
Leader: We make these confessions asking, "Lord, have mercy."

Congregational Response 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS
**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**

Assurance of Forgiveness
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Congregational Response 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN
**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

Proclaiming God's Word

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-11 Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 638
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

* Those who are able, please stand * * * Seating interludes
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Anthem *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Arr. Trevor Manor
Alleluia and Jubilation Choir

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: news, news! Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: joy, joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: peace, peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

Time with the Children

Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:18-25 Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 2

Sermon "A Christmas Dream" Rev. Keith Roberts

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

*Affirmation of Faith: Isaiah 9: 2, 6
**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.
For a child has been born for us; a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father; Prince of Peace. Amen.**

Concerns of the Church
(Persons nearest the center aisle are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

Offertory *Von Himmel Hoch (From Heaven Above)* Ernst Pepping

*Congregational Response 145 *What Child Is This* GREENSLEEVES
**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth in God's Name

Candle Lighting
*(You are invited to share the light of Christ through the Christmas candles.
For your safety, please tilt your unlighted candle toward the upright lighted candle
and remain seated as we sing the closing hymn.)*