



# Heavenly Peace

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,

AND ON EARTH PEACE,

GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

LUKE 2:14

**Sixth Presbyterian Church**  
Friday, December 24, 2021, 7 pm  
Christmas Eve

Prelude "Noel" Louis Claude Daquin

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle "How Sweet is Love" Michael Paget

1. A Child is born in Bethlehem; a waiteth Him all Jerusalem.

Amor, quam dulcis est amor. (How sweet is love)

2. The angels above were singing then; below were rejoicing the shepherd men.

3. Now let us all with the angels sing; Yea, now let our hearts for gladness spring.

*from a Dutch Carol, trans. R. C. Trevelyan*

\*Call to Worship Isaiah 9

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

**All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them has light shined.**

**LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

\*Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" 133

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!

O come, let us adore Him,

O come let us adore Him,

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

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,

Born of a virgin , a mortal he comes;

Very God, begotten, not created!

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!

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him,

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy God, You have come among us in Jesus Christ, hallowing our humanity and embodying love. We confess that we have turned from the path Jesus has marked, failing to claim all You intend for us, withholding love from our neighbors and ourselves. Forgive us. Be born anew in us, that our lives might reflect Christ's radiant light.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Commitment To Pass the Peace

\*Gloria "Angels We Have Heard on High" 113  
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
*Refrain: 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?  
*Refrain*

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

Prayer for Illumination

**All: Glorious God, in Jesus Your grace appears, bringing salvation to all. Help us to ponder Your words of love by the light of Your Spirit, that we may proclaim glad tidings of peace and welcome Christ in our world. AMEN.**

Hebrew Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7 (pg. 780)

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-20 (pg. 71)

\*Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" 121

1. 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.

2. For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

4. 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!

\*Affirmation of Faith

Titus 2:11-14

**All: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.**

Anthem "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head"

Bradley Ellingboe

Have you heard about our Jesus?  
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, You have got a manger bed;  
All the evil folks on earth Sleep in feathers at their birth.

Have you heard about our Jesus? Have you heard about his fate?  
How his mother went to the stable, On that Christmas Eve so late?  
Winds were blowing, cows were lowing, Stars were glowing.

*Collected by John Jacob Niles*

Pastoral Prayer

**All: ...shine upon them and give them peace.**

**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;  
 do not let us fall into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power  
 and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn (seated) "In the Bleak Midwinter"

144

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan;  
 Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
 Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
 Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:  
 In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
 The Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have traveled there;  
 Cherubim and Seraphim thronged the air;  
 But his Mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
 Worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
 If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb;  
 If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
 But what I can I give him: give him my heart.

## Sharing the Light of Christ

*As we share the light of Christ with one another, tip only the unlit candle.*

Hymn (seated) "Silent Night , Holy Night!"

122

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 a far.  
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

**(Raise candles together)**

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!

Benediction

\*Hymn "Joy to the World" 134

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 us our 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 blessings 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.

Postlude

"From Heaven Above"

Wilbur Held

\*Those who can may stand.

Please turn off all cell phones before the service begins

Childcare for toddlers and infants is available upstairs

In lieu of our traditional post-worship fellowship, we invite you to stop by the Chapel after the benediction to pick up individual cookie bags.



# Poinsettia Memorials, Christmas 2021



Ever-faithful God,  
You have knit together as one body in Christ  
Those who have been your  
People in all times and places.

Keep us in communion with your saints,  
Following their examples of faith and life,  
Until that day when we shall dwell with them  
In the joy of your eternal kingdom. Amen.

(from the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship*)

Bill and Carol Beggs

*in memory of*

John and Dorothy Beggs; Neil and Margaret Lewis; Gary Lewis; Fred Lewis; Bob Beggs

Pamela Bunje Bower

*in memory of*

Jeanne Heely Bunje and Walter Bunje

Kate Davoli

*in honor of*

Judith Kroll

Sara, Joe, Sadie, Louie, and Jesse DeLucia

*in memory of*

Harlow Bower

Norma and Jack Farquhar

*in memory of*

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Mia Giunta

*in memory of*

Dorothy and Phil Gilmore; Louise Wilson; George White

John Guinther

*in memory of*

Glenna and Paul Guinther Sr.; Peg and Paul Guinther Jr.

Charles M. Herrold, Jr.

*in memory of*

Charles M. Herrold; Caroline M. Herrold; John M. Herrold

Brenda Jordan

*in memory of*

Roy U. Jordan; Florence E. Jordan

Lynn Kawaratani

*in memory of*

Mark Kawaratani; Dean Matsubayashi;

Sheila Kier

*in memory of*  
Esther McCarney Kier; John Caspar Kier; James Montgomery Kier

Peter Koehler

*in memory of*  
Ursula and Wolfgang Koehler; Dorothee Koehler; Anne Koehler;

Sue Koehler

*in memory of*  
Louise and Egbert Peeler

Jan Myers-Newbury

*in memory of*  
Sam Newbury

Jenny Newman

*in honor of*  
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Bob Nishikawa

*in memory of*  
Rodger W. Peterson; Minoru Nishikawa

Barbara Parees

*in memory of*  
Jack, Ruth, and Bob Morton; Helen Mae Parees; Sandra Mellen; Sean Parees

Kathi and Bob Robinson-Dassel

*in memory of*  
Mildred and Harold Robinson; Anne and Edward Dassel; Tom and Mary Wrzosek

Lori Swensson

*in memory of*  
Richard Gavin Swensson

Pamela and Tom Twiss

*in memory of*  
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Lauren Ward

*in memory of*  
Fay and Arthur Ward; John Dickie III

Peter and Peg Watt-Morse

*in memory of*  
David Morse and Aldora Watt

Amy and Malakai Whipple

*in memory of*  
Ann and Andrew Putignano