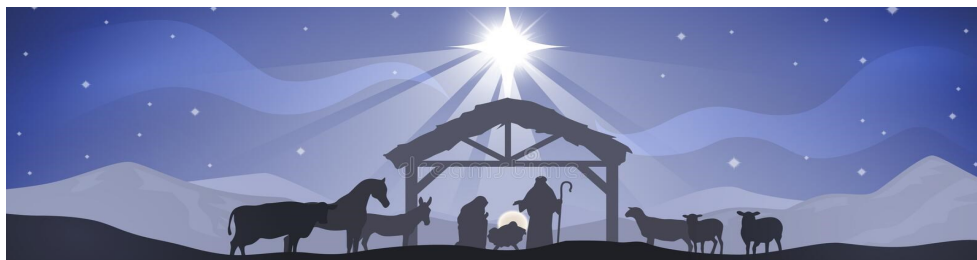


Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

5:30 PM



Please tune your radios to 89.5 FM and follow the instructions of the parking guides. Please stay in your cars. Should you need a restroom, the Sanctuary Narthex bathrooms are available.

God's People Connect

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome tonight to a celebration like no other!

People: This is the night of the Holy Birth!

Leader: Let the love of Jesus be born in your hearts and spirits!

People: Open our hearts to receive this blessed gift, Loving God.

Leader: Rejoice, good friends, the Good News is here!

People: Nothing can separate us from God's love. Not sickness, death, poverty, or peril. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us!

ALL: Christ our Savior is Born! Hallelujah! AMEN.

HYMN

"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.

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.

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.

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 in with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Fitts Family

Preparing for the Word

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Lord of Light and Hope, our minutes and hours have been swallowed up in preparation for this night and for the coming day. We have been so caught up figuring out how to gather and gift that we have pushed aside the wonder of what you have done for all Creation. We have been so caught up in fear of illness that we have buried the message of hope. Forgive us when we so easily get entangled in our own plans and forget to pay attention to the true event. Help us to relax and listen, instead of rush and shout. May the songs of the angels, the surprise of the shepherds, and the joy of the Holy Family become part of our preparations and our lives. Open our ears, our eyes, our hearts and our spirits to again hear the old, old story, spoken by new voices in new ways. Remind us again of your never-changing love for us. Prepare us to serve you by serving others. This night we offer this prayer of our hearts to you, gracious God. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's love knows no bounds. Love comes down at Christmas— a love so deep and so profound that nothing will ever be the same again. Know that this love has come for you— to touch you, to heal you, to forgive you, to make you whole.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE *(unison)*

This night, no one is a stranger. All are joined together as one family through the miracle of the birth of one small baby. Let us share our joy and excitement at being present when God reaches down to touch the earth.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO CHRIST

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM

"Gesu Bambino"

Gabe Perez

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

HYMN

"What Child Is This"

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:6-7

MEDITATION

"Mary's Treasure"

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

HYMNS

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (v. 1)

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.
Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o; Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis Deo.

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (v. 1)

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 triumphs of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

"The First Nowell" (v. 1)

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

"Joy to the World" (v. 1)

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.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Note: You should have received a communion kit upon entering the parking lot.)

The Invitation

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer of Dedication

Breaking of the Bread

Serving of the Elements

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Departing to Serve

HYMN

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

(Note: Instead of lighting candles, we will be using glow sticks. Please wait for instructions.)

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,
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,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born.

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

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Poinsettias



Given By

*Miguel Carlin
Ken and Linda Crawford*

The Cross Family

*Carol Davis
Sarah and Matt Dikeman*

*Anne Johnson
The Mitchell Family*

Patti and Steve Nanney

The Nix Family

Marguerite Priest

*Curtis and Jeannie Stockton
Lu Taylor*

*Barbara and Don Tremble
Web Trevathan
Jordia Vakiari*

*In Memory of Freda Carlin
In Memory of Andy Crawford
In Memory of Garry Crawford
In Memory of Annell Hargrave
In Memory of Donald Phillips
In Memory of Bob and Laverne Collier
In Memory of Ann and Matt Dikeman, Sr.
In Memory of Ray and Sally Woolrich
In Memory of Ferrell and Wix Thorpe*

*In Memory of Harold Miller
In Memory of Dorothy Mitchell
In Memory of Bob and Laverne Collier
In Memory of Chris and Todd Nanney
In Memory of Lorene and Troy Carr
In Honor of Angela Ann Acosta
In Honor of Charlie Nix
In Honor of the Ferrel family
In Honor of Samuel Bryan Evenson's 43rd Birthday
In Memory of Joy Stennis Purfurst
In Memory of Bob Priest
In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Paul Priest, Sr.
In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Downs
In Honor of Norma Lynn Mund
In Memory of Ann and Matt Dikeman, Sr.
In Honor of Jacquelyn Dillard
In Honor of the Ramsey Family
In Memory of Wix and Ferrel Thorpe
In Memory of Andy Crawford*

Announcements & Events



Idea Spring Presents
A Drive-In Movie Night



Sponsored by Spring Branch
Presbyterian Church & Academy

Monday, Dec. 28th
6:30 PM
1215 Campbell Road
(Please arrive by 6:20 PM)

Reservations are requested at
secretary@springbranchpres.org so
that we will have plenty of snacks &
parking spaces available!



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December 24 — Thursday
5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

December 25 — Friday



December 26 — Saturday
11:00 am Hot Meals

December 27 — Sunday
Young Adult Service

9:30 am Explorers SS Class (Zoom)
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
10:50 am Worship

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6:30 pm Drive-In Movie Night



“Let Us Light Candles: Matthew 25 and the Work of Advent” is an online devotional which includes Christmastide and goes through Epiphany being offered through *Presbyterian’s Today*. This particular year is stretching and exercising our creativity as we seek to stay connected and continue to reach out to the community at large. Here is the link to access the devotionals: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/advent2020/advent-and-christmas-devotional-12days/>. If you would prefer a printed copy, please contact Spring Branch Presbyterian Church secretary@springbranchpres.org.



The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have

pointed us to God. Even as we support our current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program through the Board of Pensions, God is calling new leaders for our church and world, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color—offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God, the Church and the world for years to come. This offering will be collected on December 20th and 24th.

Ways to Give:

- Through your congregation
- Text JOY to 56512 to learn more or donate
- Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/christmasjoy

“God is with us.” -Matthew 1:23



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