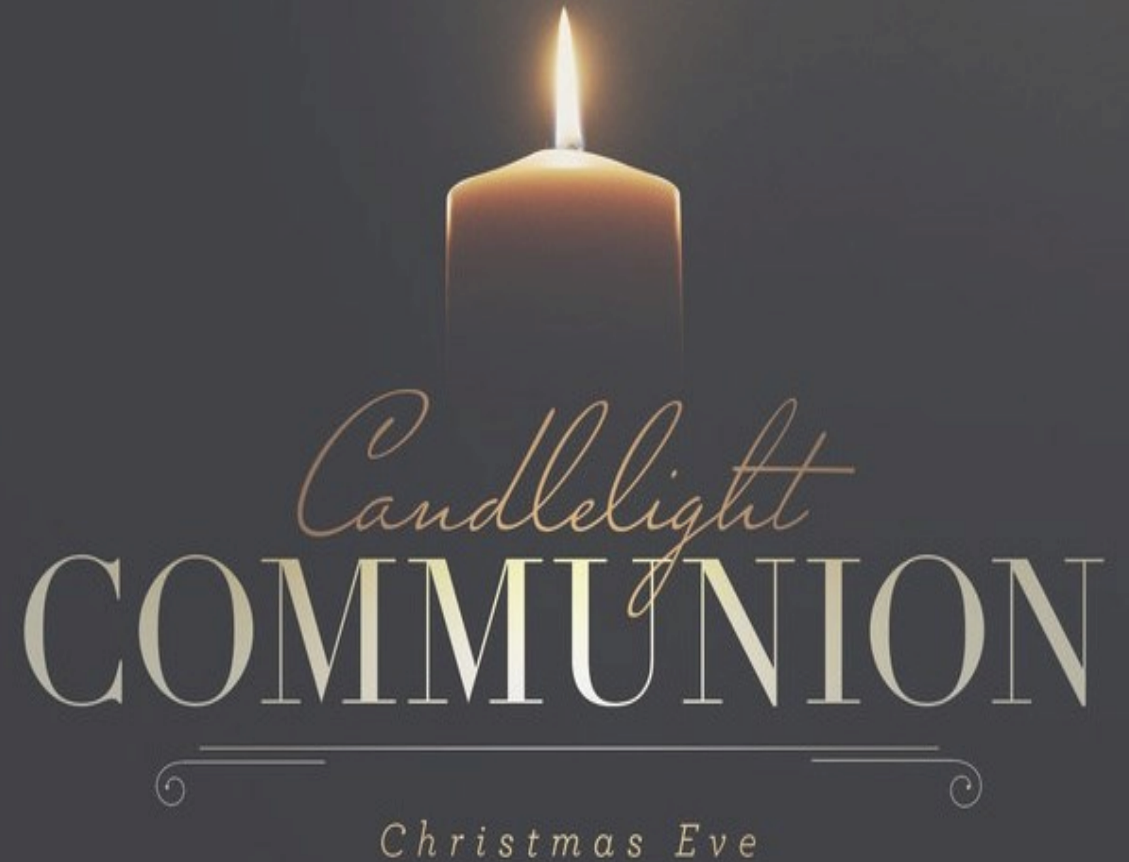


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Chalmers Presbyterian Church 2024

Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

the Light of the World

A Service of Candlelight & Communion

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve 2024 10:00pm

*Welcome to this in person and online Christmas Eve worship celebration.
May peace and joy fill your heart.*

WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: Lighting the Christ Candle PWS&D Insert Rachelle Goebel

***Carol:** *What Child Is This* 161

Prayers of Approach

Bible Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4 Janet Bruce

Choir Anthem: *O God, Who By a Star, arranged by Walter Ehret*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 Heather Reid

***Carol** *While Shepherds Watched (Verses 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)* 138

Christmas Reflection

***Carol:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* 165

WE CELEBRATE AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking the Bread Communion by Intinction
(Gluten free bread available in centre aisle; only grape juice served)

The Peace:

One: The peace of the Christ child be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Lighting of the Tapers

Jesus said: **"You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine that people around you will be moved by the good things you do to glorify God in heaven."**

***Carol** (by candlelight): *Silent Night* 154

Commissioning and Benediction

Musical Postlude

Worshippers are welcome to leave their Christmas offering in the baskets provided in the narthex at the beginning or end of the service. Loose offerings will support of the Ark Aid Mission. Thank you for your generous financial gifts.



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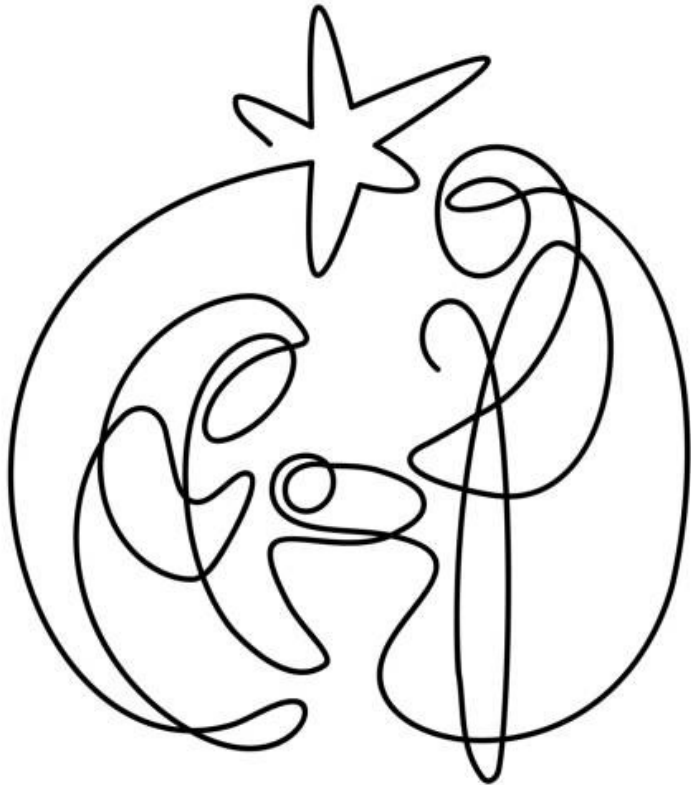
Silent Night — 154

German: Joseph Mohr, translation, John Freeman Young

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 'Hallelujah,
Christ, the Saviour is born! Christ, the Saviour 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.



What Child is This — 161

English Traditional: By William Chatterton Dix

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

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
This, this is Christ the King,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and lamb are feeding?
Good Christian, fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
This, this is Christ the King
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
This, this is Christ the King
The Babe, the Son of Mary.



Choir Anthem: O God, Who By a Star

Arranged by Walter Ehret

O God, who by a star did guide the wise men on their way
until it came and stood beside the place where Jesus lay.
Although by stars Thou dost not lead Thy servants now below,
Thy holy spirit, when they need, will show them how to go.

As yet we know Thee but in part, but still we trust Thy word
that blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see the Lord.
O Saviour ive us then Thy grace to make us pure in heart,
that we may see Thee, face to face, hereafter as Thou art.

While Shepherds Watched — 138

By Nathum Tate, Este's Psalter, and Alan Gray

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind
"glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day
is born of David's line
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all simply wrapped in swaddling clothes
and in a manger laid."

"All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
to those on whom his favor rests
goodwill shall never cease."



O Little Town of Bethlehem — 165

By Phillips Brooks and Louis Henry Redner

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 wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Where children pure and happy pray to the blessed Child,
Where misery cries out to Thee, Son of the mother mild;
Where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks, and Christmas comes once more.

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;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

