

WELCOME ON

THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS EVE

AN OUTDOOR SERVICE



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WORSHIP GUIDE

As we gather outside tonight,
please reserve the patio for those who need surer footing.

Make sure you get one of the candles,
as we'll be using those at the end of the service.
Restrooms are available inside the church.

WELCOME

LESSON

GENESIS 3:1-15

"COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

LESSON

ISAIAH 7:10-14

"O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

LESSON

MICAH 5:2-5A

"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.

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.

LESSON

LUKE 1:26-45

"PREPARE HIM ROOM"

O behold, the mystery now unfolds
See the star shine on the virgin foretold
Angels sing and light up the sky
Hope rings out in a newborn's cry
Swing wide, you ancient gates
For Christ is born today!

Refrain:

Prepare Him room
Prepare Him room
Let the King of glory enter in

God with us, the promise has come to be
This, the one the prophets were longing to see
In the darkness a blazing light
To the hungry the words of life
His kingdom now is near
For those with ears to hear
Refrain x2

LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25

"HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

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 triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

LESSON

LUKE 2:1-7

"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.
Refrain

LESSON

LUKE 2:8-20

"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"

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

LESSON

JOHN 1:1-18

"JOY TO THE WORLD"

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 earth! the Savior reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

SHARING OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

"SILENT NIGHT"

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!
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

Join us on Christmas Eve at 5pm for our Family Service or at 9pm for our Candlelight service! Masks are required at both services. Each will also be available online at www.wrclive.org.

Don't miss our 9:30am worship service on Dec. 26 as we gather to sing Christmas carols and watch the special Christmas episode of "The Chosen" called "The Messengers"!

Support us online at www.wyckoffreformed.org/give or by texting a dollar amount to 201-849-1436.

Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for worship! Masks are recommended for those who attend in person.

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