



WYCKOFF REFORMED CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE CHRISTMAS EVE CANDELIGHT SERVICE

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, welcome to Wyckoff Reformed Church!

These resources are also available at www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides
To participate in this service online, join us at wrclive.org or on Facebook Live.

If you need to use a restroom, they are available through the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary.
A quiet room is available through the left hand door as well.

Masks are required for all those in attendance.
Note that all those singing and leading from the front are fully vaccinated.

Bold sections will be read aloud together

* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit

GATHERED BY GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth, **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PSALM 149:1-5 (MSG)

"Hallelujah!

Sing to God a brand-new song,
praise him in the company of all who love him.
Let all Israel celebrate their Sovereign Creator,
Zion's children exult in their King.
Let them praise his name in dance;
strike up the band and make great music!
And why? Because God delights in his people,
adorns plain folk with salvation garlands!
Let true lovers break out in praise,
sing out from wherever they're sitting,
Shout the high praises of God[!]"

***SONG OF PRAISE**

"JOY TO THE WORLD" #92

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.

No more let sin and sorrow 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.

INTRODUCTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

"ALL IS PEACE" By H. Sorenson
Chancel Choir featuring Violinist, Kim Nimmo

READING

GENESIS 3:1-15

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

O promised Christ:
We are a world at war.
Our peace depends on your coming.
We are people who are longing.
Our joy depends on your coming.
We are a sinful people.
Our pardon depends on your coming.

Lord Christ, Word made flesh,
our world waits

for your peace,
for your joy,
for your pardon.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

READING

ISAIAH 11:1-9

*SONG "COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS" #56 (ALT. TUNE 351)

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.

READING

LUKE 1:26-38

*SONG "LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING" #79

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung;
of Jesse's lineage coming, as saints of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior
when half spent was the night.

This flower, so small and tender, with fragrance fills the air;
his brightness ends the darkness that kept the earth in fear.
True God and yet true man, he came to save his people
from earth's dark night of sin.

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory, who does our weakness know:
bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven
and into endless day.

READING

MATTHEW 1:18-23

***SONG**

"O COME, O COME EMMANUEL" #61

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, thou branch of Jesse's stem, unto thine own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain

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

O come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of peace.

Refrain

READING

LUKE 2:1-7

***SONG**

"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" #88

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 with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

READING

LUKE 2:8-20

SPECIAL MUSIC

"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"
Chancel Choir featuring Guitarist, David Perry

REFLECTION

"THE CHRISTMAS STORY"
By Walter Wangerin, Jr.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

"SILENT NIGHT" #85

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: "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior 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!

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**

POSTLUDE

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