The Nativity of Our Lord

Christ Presbyterian Church

Tuscarawas Street at McKinley Avenue
530 Tuscarawas Street, West
Canton, Ohio 44702

Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24, 2022 Four O'clock

*At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the worship service.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome! We rejoice that you are here to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We invite you to prepare young children by telling them the responses to our liturgy as well as alerting them to the carols, too. All should respond (with great enthusiasm!) where the print is bold.

Instrumental Voluntary "Fum, Fum, Fum" Nicholas Hanson
Christ Church Ringers

Call to Worship

Leader: *Tonight we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the One whose life reveals God's deep and lasting love for all.*

People: **O, come let us worship God!**

***Carol No. 133** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

1. 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!

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

2. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
   Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
   Glory to God, all Glory in the highest! *(Refrain)*

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
   Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
   Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! *(Refrain)*

Lighting of The Christ Candle The Roberts Family
John Michael, Moriah, Alastor, & Giannis Roberts

Response to the Lighting of the Christ Candle Hymn No. 113 Verse 3
"Come to Bethlehem and See"

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-14

***Carol No. 119** "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 host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

A Reading for Children **"***The Good News of Christmas"* Rousseaux Brasseur
Art by Sian James

Instrumental Music "Ding Dong Merrily on High" Sondra Tucker
Christ Church Ringers

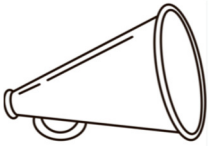
A Meditation for Adults

***Carol No 115** "Away in a Manger" MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in the tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

A Christmas Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *(responsively)*



All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!
Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!
O Christ, splendor of God's eternal glory, the mighty Word, sustaining the universe:
Renew our lives by your presence.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!
O Christ, born into the world in the fullness of time for the liberation of all creation:
Release all into your promised freedom.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!

O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time, born in a stable at Bethlehem:
May your church be a sign of hope and joy.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem "The Holly and the Ivy" Ruth Dwyer
Children's Choir

The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown

Refrain
The rising of the sun,
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom,
As white as lily flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our dear Savior. *Refrain*

The holly bears a prickle,
As sharp as any thorn
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
on Christmas Day in the morn. *Refrain*

***Carol No. 145** *(stanza 3—sung by all)* GREENSLEEVES

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

***Prayer of Dedication** *(unison)*
What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
But what I can, I give Him, I give Him my heart. Amen.

***Congregational Carols** (*now we invite you to light your candles)*

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! Above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

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.

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.

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! 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.

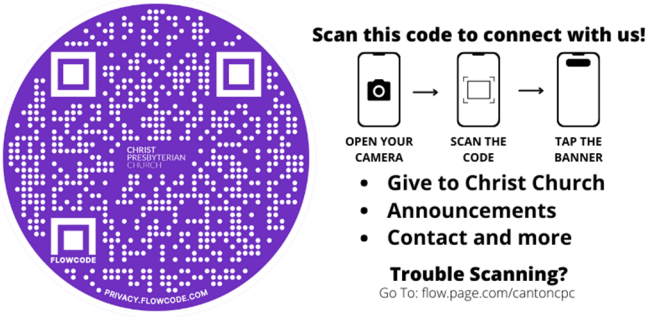
***Benediction**

***Voluntary**	"In Dulci Jubilo"	J. S. Bach
	"Sussex Carol"	Robert Lind

The 10:00pm Christmas Eve Service will be broadcast live on YouTube and WHBC 1480AM beginning at 9:30pm with Special Music.

Please Note:

December 25 & January 1
Combined Worship at
10:30 am
No 8:30 am Worship
& No Sunday School for
Children or Adults



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