

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
December 24, 2021



Christmas Eve: 12/24/21

Candlelight Worship @ 8:00 PM

Prelude *O Holy Night* Adam

Christmas Eve Candlelight Ceremony Terri Wilson

* **Carol of Celebration** O Come, All Ye Faithful #249

* **Prayer of Adoration**

Scripture The Christmas Story: Luke 2:1-14 (pg 889)

* **Carol of Praise** Hark! the Herald Angels Sing #277

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, preferring the darkness of self-centeredness, greed, and jealousy. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst. We live in doubt and fear. In your mercy forgive us. Help us to see and live in the light that is Jesus Christ our Lord... *Silent Prayer of Confession.*

Assurance of Forgiveness 1 John 1:5, 7

L: God is light. In God there is no darkness.

P: If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,

L: We have fellowship with one another,

P: And the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

L: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

* **Gloria** Angels We Have Heard on High (v4) #278

**See within a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth.**

Offertory Anthem	Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo. Lovely Child, Holy Child Chancel Choir
Scripture Lessons	Isaiah 9:2-7 (page 593) 2 Corinthians 4:4-6 (page 1005)
Sermon	The Light Shines in the Darkness
Anthem	Sleep, Little Holy Child
Christmas Prayers and Lord's Prayer	

*** Candlelight Carol** Silent Night! Holy Night! #253

**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
Wondrous Star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King
With 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**

*** The Light of Christ**

*** Carol of Joy** Joy to the World #270

Benediction

Congregational Response (Refrain) #278
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Postlude Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol Near

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Please remember: ALWAYS hold a lighted candle upright.

Never tip a candle that is lit.

Thought for Meditation

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,
Even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for the darkness is as light to you. Psalm 139:11-12

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