

"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! 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.

*We worship each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.
with Sunday School classes for adults at 8:30 a.m.*

Please visit our website at thegoodshepherd.org for more information.

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Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
Northglenn, Colorado
December 24, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion

Gathering Music
Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Visitors, we are glad you are worshiping with us tonight and appreciate your filling out the visitor's card found in the pew rack. Please place it in the offering plate. Prayer request cards are in the pew racks if you wish to use them; bring them to the Communion Table during the Passing the Peace.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Christmas Prayer

***Call to Worship**

One: The light shines in the darkness,
All: and the darkness has not overcome it.
One: The Word became flesh and lives among us,
All: and we have seen his glory.
One: Let us worship the One who is made flesh,
whose birth we celebrate tonight.

***Opening Hymn 40 Joy to the World**

***Christmas Litany**

One: Tonight, we sing with all the angels in heaven.
All: Tonight, we proclaim the birth of Jesus.
One: A tiny baby, born in a little town to insignificant parents.
All: A baby born among the animals in a stable.
One: Why do we sing? This baby's life will be hard.
All: This baby will grow to be a hated man, a wanted man.
One: But also, a man who is greatly loved. A man who heals and blesses. A man who makes miracles happen.
All: A man who is a miracle himself.
One: Why do we sing? Are they sad songs, because this baby's life will end on a cross?
All: No, we sing joyfully because this isn't the end of the baby's story.

One: The angels remind us about this baby's heavenly home.
All: A home that is ours now, too, because of this one small baby.
One: The risen Lord.
All: This Jesus. Our Jesus.
One: No sad songs tonight, for the angels, or for us.
All: We sing praises to a God who loves us so much,
One: that God came to earth to be with us, to save us.
All: A most unlikely birth for a Savior.
One: A most untimely death.
All: And yet a most glorious rising.
One: A rising that raises us as well.
All: Even if our lives are hard, like his,
One: we can sing joyfully, because Jesus is born again in us.
All: Jesus. Our Jesus.
One: Word made flesh.
All: God's greatest gift of love, given to us this night.
Hallelujah!

***Sung Response 38** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, verse 1

***Passing of the Peace**

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading John 1:1-14

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
All: Thanks be to God.

Time with the Children

Anthem "Christmas Meditation" (Don Rasley)
Dawn Diehl, Alto Solo

Choir

Sermon Rev. Bill Davis

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 24** Away in a Manger

***Affirmation of Faith** – Apostle's Creed (traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory

***Sung Response 592** Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

.... We are bold to pray together the prayer taught to us by the Holy One, saying together:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After the Meal

***Candlelighting Hymn 60** Silent Night (words on back of bulletin)

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** Chorus of Go Tell it on the Mountain

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

***Postlude**

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