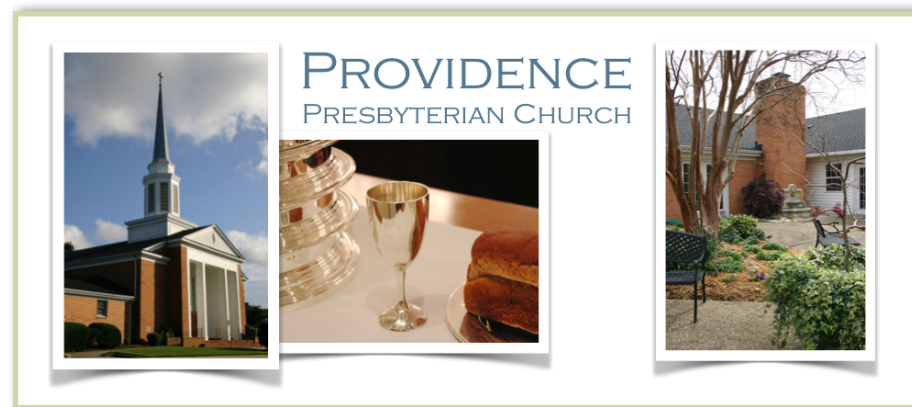


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Gathering As the People of God

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *Christmas Time Is Here* Vince Guaraldi

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *The Salter and Burdette families*

SUNG RESPONSE: *Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

ANTHEM *On Christmas Night (The Sussex Carol)* arr. Howard Helvey

*On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring.
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 News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.*

*Then why should we on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
 then why should we on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
 when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty.*

*When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place;
 when sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place.
 Angels and all with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.*

*All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night;
 all out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night.
 "Glory to God and peace to all, now and forevermore. Amen! Amen! Amen!"*

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(Please stand, if able)

John F. Wade, 1743

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!

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,

born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

very God, begotten, not created! [refrain]

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;

sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [refrain]

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]

The Service of the Word

THE CHRISTMAS STORY ACTED OUT BY OUR CHILDREN

THE ANGEL APPEARS TO MARY

THE ANGEL APPEARS TO JOSEPH

CAROL (seated)

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

MARY AND JOSEPH FIND NO ROOM IN THE INN

JESUS IS BORN

THE ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS

CAROL (seated)

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.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why our joyous strains prolong?
What the glad some tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PRESENCE AND INVITE YOU
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORSHIP AND LIFE OF PROVIDENCE.

- Please silence your phones while in the sanctuary.
- Visitor information bags are available at both entrances. If you are visiting tonight, please feel free to take one as our gift to you.
- At the conclusion of the service, please extinguish your candle and place it in the collection bin by the exit.
- Children's costumes may be placed in the tubs by the exits.

We are so glad you chose to worship with us on this holy night.
Providence is a vibrant, active church which is
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We have many ministries within and beyond our walls we invite you to join us in,
including:

- Weekly, Sunday worship at 11:00 am
- Vocal and handbell choirs
- Active children's ministry
- Youth group
- Family Fusion
- Serving the homeless
- Mission trips
- Women's and Men's groups
- Fellowship events
- And more!

THE SHEPHERDS FIND JESUS IN THE MANGER

CAROL (seated)

Away in a Manger

*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.*

*The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

THE KINGS SEE THE STAR AND TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM

CAROL (seated)

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

GOD'S LOVE IS HERE ON EARTH

HYMN 121 (standing)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks, 1868

*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!*

The Service of the Light

PASSING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(As your candle is lit with the light of Christ, you are invited to turn and light your neighbor's candle, sharing the light with those seated near you. To avoid wax spills, the lighted candle remains upright, and the unlighted candle is tipped to be lighted.)

HYMN 122 (standing)

Silent Night
Joseph Mohr, 1816; Franz Gruber, 1818

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 (standing)

BENEDICTION RESPONSE (standing)

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.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Adeste Fideles"

arr. John S. Dixon

ANTHEM

Come to Us Now, Emmanuel

Nancy Price and Don Besig

Darkness has fallen o'er the earth on this winter night.
The world prepares to greet a King; prophets tell of the peace he'll bring.
Darkness has fallen o'er the earth; soon will come the Light.

Come to us now, Emmanuel; all the world awaits.

We've seen the signs, the time is near. We believe you will soon be here.

Come to us now, Emmanuel, as we watch and wait.

Still, still, still, all the world lies quiet and still.

A star appears in heaven above us; God sends a Son to lead us and love us.

Still, still, still, for the promise is now fulfilled.

Peace, peace, peace, little Child of Love and Peace,

(You are the Light we long to see, Child of Love and Peace.)

Come fill our hearts with joy and singing.

(Now let our hearts be glad and sing.)

Help us share the love you are bringing.

(Help us share in the love you bring.

Peace, peace, peace, help the world to live in peace.

(You are the Light we long to see. Help us live in peace.)



SCRIPTURE

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

The Service of the Table

HYMN OF INVITATION 110, VERSE 1

Love Has Come

text by Ken Bible; French melody

Love has come: a light in the darkness!

Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.

See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;

Hear how their song of joy arises:

Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior!

Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Novell, Novell

Randall Thompson

PRAYER

