

*Glory* TO  
*God*

IN  
*heaven,*  
AND ON EARTH

*peace*  
AMONG THOSE  
WHOM HE FAVORS.

LUKE 2:14

# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 2022

5:00 P.M.

## Preludes

The Friendly Beasts	Sanctuary Ringers	arr. Kevin McChesney
Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head		arr. Gwyneth Walker
We Three Kings	Sanctuary Ringers	arr. Kevin McChesney
Variations on Noël Nouvelet		arr. Matthew Zabiegala

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: *Those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.*

Leader: The light shines in the darkness.

People: *And the darkness did not overcome it.*

Leader: For Christ is born in Bethlehem.

People: *Come, let us adore him.*

\*Processional Hymn 133 (vv. 1, 3-4) O Come, All Ye Faithful (see insert)

Words of Welcome Please sign the fellowship notebook and pass down the pew.

## Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer "debts . . . debtors" Hymnal, Page 35

\*Hymn 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem (see insert)

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Leader: Dear God, forgive us for the way we ignore you and do whatever we want to do.

People: *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Leader: Forgive us for the times we are so busy about ourselves that we have no time for others.

People: *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Leader: Forgive us for the way we close our hearts to your love, your grace, and your hope.

People: *Lord, have mercy on us.*

All: *Open our hearts to your love, our ears to your words of grace, and open our hearts to your signs of hope all around us. Amen.*

\*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.



## The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The ushers will share their light with the congregation. Please tilt your unlit candle towards the flame when lighting it. Once it is lit, hold it in an upright position to reduce the dripping of hot wax.

**Hymn 122** (seated) (vv. 1-3, 1)      Silent Night, Holy Night!      *(see insert)*

As we celebrate the birth of our blessed Savior, we carry the light of Christ in our hearts. For safety, we ask that you extinguish your candle before departing the sanctuary. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe journey home.

### \*Benediction

**\*Hymn 134** (vv. 1-2, 4)      Joy to the World      *(see insert)*

**Postlude**      How Great Our Joy      arr. Clark Cothorn  
Brass Ensemble

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**WELCOME!** We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us on this special Christmas Eve. Please let an usher or minister know if we can assist you in any way. Our sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

**THE POINSETTIAS AND GREENS** in our chancel have been contributed by many to the Glory of God and in memory or in honor of family and friends. Specific names are on the flyers in the lounge.

**OUR MUSIC FILLED SANCTUARY!** Thank you to all who so generously donated to our music program and helped fill our sanctuary with beautiful music throughout our Advent season.

**THANK YOU** to all who are ushering and greeting today. Special thanks to Bob Eager and members of the Tech Team.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** In your pews you will find two special Christmas offering envelopes, one that helps PCCT in our ministries and the other that goes to support retired clergy and provide educational support for minority students.

**ANNUAL MEETING AND WINTER BREAKFAST:** January 29, 2023—Save the Date! More details to follow.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for worship Christmas Day, December 25, at 10:00 am.

### Merry Christmas Everyone!

As we gather to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, we are so happy to welcome in all of you near and far, friends and family of this wonderful church in Chatham. We hope you will enjoy every moment of our worship service from Christmas carol singing, to prayers and candle-lighting, and thoughtful reflection on the story of that Holy night in Bethlehem so long ago.

We are grateful for all of you in this church family, newcomers and seasoned regulars. Thank you for all you do to share God's Love with the world. May Christmas Day dawn for you in splendor, hopefulness, and abundant joy.

From the Session and Staff of the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

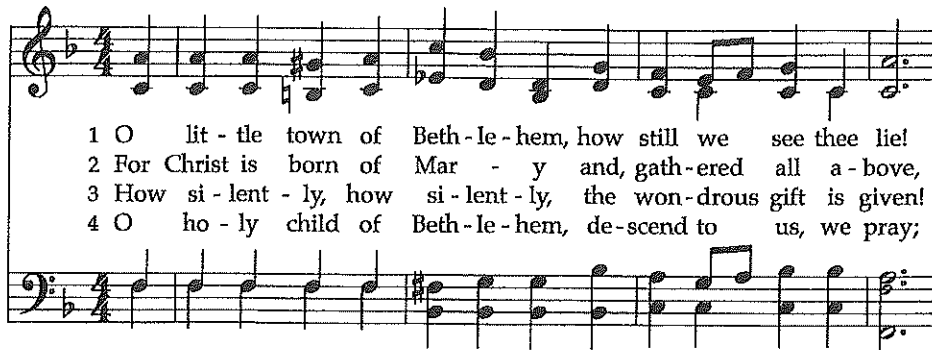
*Refrain*

born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 glo - ry in the high - est!  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

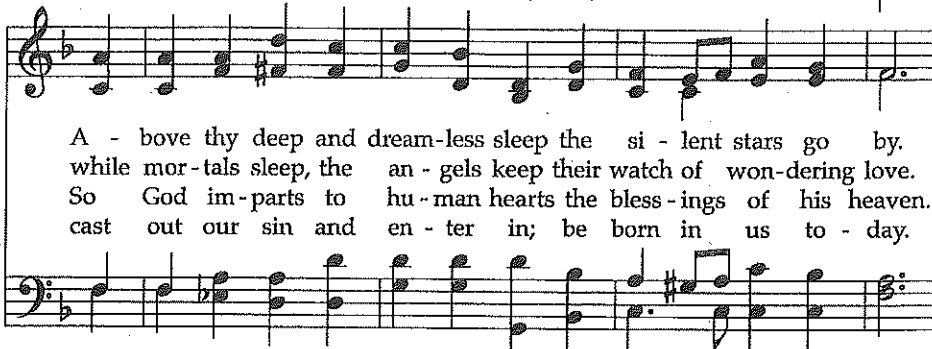
us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts,

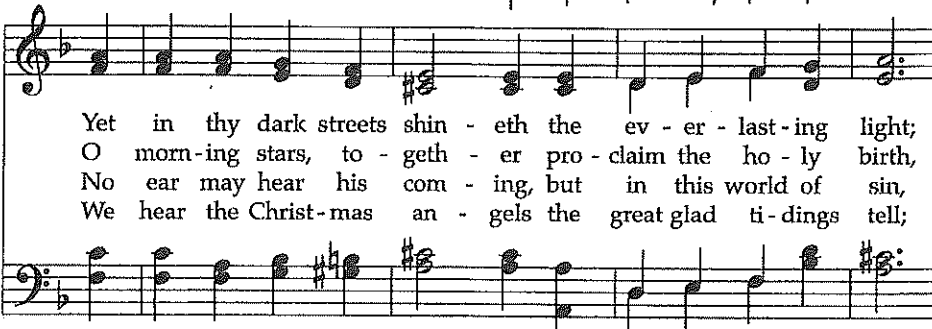
# 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem



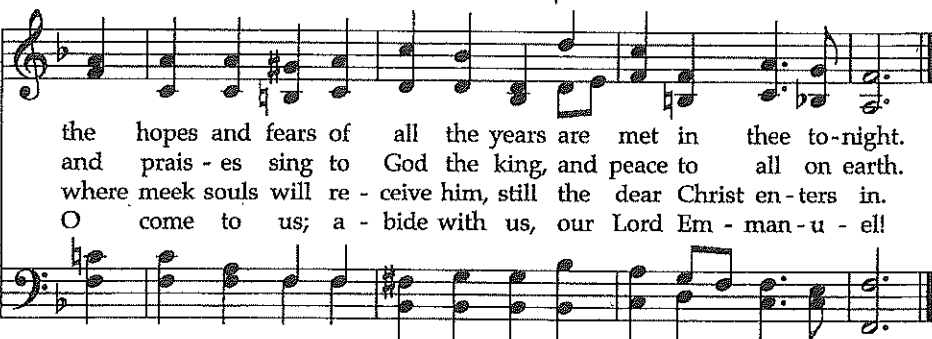
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - right.  
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Though he was famed during his lifetime as a great preacher, no sermon Phillips Brooks ever preached has been heard or read by as many people as have sung this carol he wrote in December 1868 for the Sunday School children of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor  
 2 They look-ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the  
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing  
 east be-yond them far; and to the earth it gave  
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their  
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher-ev - er it went.  
 and stay right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

*Refrain*

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

- 5 Then entered in those wise men three, 6 Then let us all with one accord  
 full reverently upon their knee, sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
 and offered there in his presence that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 their gold, and myrrh, and and with his blood our life hath bought.  
 frankincense. *Refrain*

# 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate de - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"



# Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and  
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing  
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

## GERMAN

1 *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
 nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.  
 Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
 schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,  
 schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

## KOREAN

1 *고요한밤 거룩한밤  
 어둠에 묻힌밤  
 주의부모 앉아서  
 감사기도 드릴때  
 아기잘도 잔다  
 아기잘도 잔다*

## SPANISH

1 *¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!  
 Todo duerme en derredor,  
 entre los astros que esparcen su luz,  
 bella, anunciando al niño Jesús,  
 brilla la estrella de paz,  
 brilla la estrella de paz.*

The tradition that this carol's tune was created for guitar accompaniment at its first singing on Christmas Eve 1818 seems reliable, though a recent find shows that the text was about two years old. But there is no question that this is now a favorite Christmas carol worldwide.

## Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -



her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness



and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,



and



sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.