
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 24, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church (On the Road)

We are glad you are worshiping with us this on Christmas Eve!
If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a card in the pew rack
and place it in the offering plate.

CHRISTMAS AT OVERBROOK

Worship services will take place at Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church.

First Sunday of Christmas—Sunday, December 29, 11:00 A.M. Come and continue the celebration of Christmas in word and song.

Epiphany—Sunday, January 5, 11:00 A.M. Epiphany marks the appearance of the Magi and their recognition of Jesus Christ. We will celebrate this occasion with a special worship service.

Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship
and remember to silence all cell phones before the service.

❖=Stand as you are able.

GATHERING IN

INTROIT

Adolphe Adam
(1803-1856)

O Holy Night
Iris Fairfax, soprano

❖LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *Jill and Adrien Van Rawley*

One: Tonight, we light the Christ candle to symbolize the light of Christ
coming into the world.

One: The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

All: those who lived in a land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.

One: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

ADESTE FIDELES

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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! O come, let us a-dore him; O come, let
 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, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Adam Hearlson

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.

FIRST LESSON

Christopher Fay

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

SECOND LESSON

Eileen Wiggins

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

❖ CAROL (*on next page*)

ES IST EIN ROS

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
 3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung.
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery-where.

It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right she bore for us a
 En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he

win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Although the early copies of this 15th-century German text include many more stanzas than are printed here, this simpler, shorter form has much to commend it. This early 17th-century harmonization of the traditional chorale melody invites and rewards singing in parts.

THIRD LESSON

Corinna Bowser

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Pew Bible, p. 53

The Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary.

FOURTH LESSON

Scott Long

Luke 2:1-7

Pew Bible, p. 54

Mary gives birth in Bethlehem.

❖ CAROL

CRADLE SONG

Away in a Manger

Capo 5: (C) (Am) (C) (Dm)

F Dm F Gm

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(F) (G) (C) (Dm) (F) (G)

B^b C F Gm B^b C

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(C) (Dm)

F Gm

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)

C F Gm C F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Luke 2:8-20
Pew Bible, p. 54
Angels announce the Messiah.

❖ CAROL (*on opposite page*)

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Adam Hearlson

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Cecilia McDowall
(b. 1951)

Now may we singen
The Overbrook Choir

This Babe to us that now is born,
Wonderful works He haty ywrought,
He would not loss what was forlorn,
But boldly again it brought;

And thus it is Forsooth ywis,
He asketh nought but that is His.
Now may we singen as it is.
Quod puer natus est nobis.

This bargain loved He right well,
The price was high and bought full dear.
Who would suffer and for us feel
As did that Prince withouten peer?

His ransom for us hath ypaid;
Good reason have we to be His.
Be mercy asked and He be prayed,
Who may deserve the heavenly bliss.

To some purpose God made man;
I trust well to salvation.
What was his blood that from him ran
But fence against damnation?

Almighty God in Trinity,
Thy mercy we pray with whole heart,
Thy mercy may all woe make fell
And dangerous dread from us to start.

15th-century English carol

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.

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

❖ SIXTH LESSON

Adam Hearlson

John 1:1-14

Pew Bible, p. 86

John speaks of the light come unto the world.

PRAYER OF LIGHT

One: Great God,

as you came at night when all was still,

All: **So enter our lives this night.**

One: Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence,

All: **That we may clearly see the way before us,**

the truth to speak,

and the life to live for him,

One: Our Lord Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

(As the light is passed to you, dip your unlit candle toward the lit candle, then turn and pass the light on. Please hold your lit candle upright when passing the light to others.)

CAROL

STILLE NACHT

Silent Night

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| 1. 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. | 2. 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." |
| 3. 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. | 4. 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. |
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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,

SENDING FORTH

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

POSTLUDE



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serving each other and the world through a welcoming, loving, and
inclusive ministry.”*