

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve-5:00 p.m.



COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

- *Wear a mask at all times while in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, or classrooms.*
- *Seat yourself while being aware to keep 6 feet of distance from the neighbors in your pew.*
- *While seating is now allowed in every row, please stagger your seats so that you are not sitting directly behind or directly in front of anyone in the pews around you.*
- *Remember that young children are not vaccinated.*

Prelude

Noel Fanfares
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Charles Callahan

Welcome

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship

Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

One: A teenage girl was invited—

All: to carry Christ into this world.

One: An ordinary carpenter was invited—

All: to be a father to a child unlike any other.

One: The shepherds were invited—

All: outcast and isolated, included at the manger.

One: The Magi were invited—

All: foreigners and seekers, included at the manger.

One: And if she was invited, and he was invited, and they were invited—

All: then we can trust that we too are invited.

One: This story is for us.

All: This love is for us.

One: Family of faith, this is our invitation. Welcome home. Amen.

* **Carol #133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful, vs. 1-4

Lighting the Christ Candle

Dorinda and Gary VanKempen

Children are invited to come forward as we light the Christ candle and continue our journey to Bethlehem.

Journey to Bethlehem

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Musical Response

He Came Down

arr: John L. Bell

PCO Children's Virtual Choir

Singers: Elliot Belisle, Lizzie Conroy-Krutz, Claire Mayhew, Will Pearson

Sarah Mayhew, Director

Sandy Detrisac, pianist

The Word in Lessons and Carols

Lesson One

Isaiah 9:2-6

Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

* **Carol #121**

O Little Town of Bethlehem, vs. 1-4

Lesson Two

Luke 2:1-7

Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

* **Carol #115**

Away in a Manger, vs. 1-3

Lesson Three

Luke 2:8-20

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Meditation

Close to Home: Invited Home

* **Carol #117**

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks, vs. 1-4

Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Musical Response

Deck the Halls

Ken Bible

PCO Children's Virtual Choir

Arr: Joseph Linn

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

What Child is This

Paul Manz

[Green sleeves]

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

* **Doxology #606**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Lesson Four

John 1:1-5, 10-12, 14

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

One: He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

All: But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

One: And the Word became flesh and lived among us,

All: and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

* Carol #122

Silent Night, vs. 1-4

Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

As you leave this service, your service begins:

Comfort those who are suffering and longing for hope.

Open your doors to others.

Seek sanctuary.

Be brave enough to go home by another way.

And remember that here in God's house, all are welcomed—so come back soon.

In the name of our Foundation—God, Spirit, and Son—go in peace.

Postlude

Joy to the World

Kristina Langlois

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Ushers: Gary & Dorinda VanKempen, Peter & Sue Cobbett

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

* Please join us on Sunday, December 26 at 10 a.m. either online at <https://okemospres.org/live> or in the Fellowship Hall. UKirk, the PC(USA) campus ministry at MSU, is providing a recorded service.

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