

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve – 7:00 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

Variations on *In Dulci Jubilo*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Denis Bédard

Welcome

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship

Steve Mayhew, 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.

* **Hymn #133**

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

Lighting the Christ Candle

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

Steve, Sarah, Andrew, and Claire Mayhew

Journey to Bethlehem

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:14

Nativity: Jesus

All: It is right to give both thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer

Lesson Five

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.

Sharing the Light

(The ushers will bring the light from the Christ Candle to those seated near the aisle in each pew, who will then pass the flame to the end of each row. After we have sung all four verses of Silent Night, worshipers may extinguish their candles. Please return your candles to the bins outside the sanctuary doors as you exit).

*** Carol #122**

Silent Night, vs. 1-4

(Please depart in silence at the conclusion of the song to share your light with the world.)

Ushers: Gary & Trudy Sturk

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

* 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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