



United Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2025

7:00 p.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Carol Barrett

PRELUDE *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Amanda Biggs, soprano; Benjamin Watkins, piano

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle

The Nyarko Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Patrick Nyarko, liturgist

Liturgist: Glory to God in the highest!

People: And peace on earth to all people!

Liturgist: To us a child is born, to us a son is given.

People: We come with great joy! Emmanuel has come to be with us.

Carol No. 9 ~ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*please stand as you are able*)

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Liturgist: Wonder upon wonders, grace upon grace, joy at the heart of joy.
 Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: On this holy night, when all was still,
 You came into the world with quiet majesty,
 and took your place alongside us, to be with us,
 for us, forever.**

**In gratitude and wonder, we have come to worship You,
 singing your praise and glorifying Your name. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 9:2-6

Liturgist

SECOND LESSON – Luke 2:1-20

Pastor

Luke 2:1-7

Carol No. 24 ~ Away in a Manger (*please remain seated*)

Luke 2:8-14

Pastor

Carol No. 31 ~ Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (*please remain seated*)

Luke 15-20

Pastor

SERMON *The Unremembered One*

Reverend Carol Barrett

* **Carol** No. 40 ~ *Joy to the World*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory ~ *Oh Holy Night* Amanda Biggs, soprano

* **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS** (*sung to Greensleeves*)

People: So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings, salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People, 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.**

Words of Institution

Pastor: Come now, for all is ready.

People: We come from East and West, from North and South, to remember our
Lord and Savior, at His table, where all are welcome, seen and
remembered.

HOLY COMMUNION & SHARING THE LIGHT

*Congregants will come forward, to receive Communion Cups and Bread from the Pastor and an Elder..
Congregants will consume the bread and juice, return the cup to the receptacle, then receive a candle from other
elder and proceed to the outer walls to form a circle around the sanctuary. The Pastor will light the first candle
as we Share the Light from person to person. The congregation will sing Silent Night as we form the Circle of
Light. Deposit your candle in the receptacles held by Elders at the rear of the Sanctuary as you depart.*

* **Carol** ~ *Silent Night, Holy Night* (see next page)

CHRISTMAS

Silent Night, Holy Night

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STILLE NACHT Irregular

Joseph Mohr, 1818

Trans. John Freeman Young, 1863

Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818

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

vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav-en a - far, Heaven-ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from Thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.

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'!

2. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Hirten erst kundgemacht
 Durch der Engel Alleluja,
 Tönt est laut von fern und nah:
 Christ der Retter ist da,
 Christ der Retter ist da!

3. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
 Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
 Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund':
 Christ, in deiner Geburt,
 Christ, in deiner Geburt!

***RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor: Christ the Savior is born!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the light of the world!

People: A light no darkness can overcome.

Pastor: Earth shines tonight with heavenly light:

People: Jesus Christ, the light of the world!

BENEDICTION

Reverend Carol Barrett

*** POSTLUDE**

Benjamin Watkins, piano

**Please remain standing, as you are able*

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Elder Patrick Nyarko, Liturgist

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