



## Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021, 5:00pm

### Park Hill Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

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PRELUDE "O, Come, Emmanuel" arr. Wilber Held

WELCOME Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP and LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

For anxious new parents and creatures of instinct and habit, **the light shines.**

For the weary and the fearful, **the light shines.**

For the onlooker and the message-bearer, **the light shines.**

For the traveler and the host, **the light shines.**

Great God, you came when all was still to enter our lives this night. Give us such love and wonder as the shepherds and magi had, to come adore the holy

child. Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence, that we may clearly see the way before us. May we faithfully serve the Lord. ~*Christ Candle is lit*~

HYMN OF PRAISE "O Come, All Ye Faithful," vs. 1, 3 #133 Organ

\*CALL CONFESSION AND CONFESSION  
 ...Light of the world, **forgive us.**

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS "O Little Town of Bethlehem," vs 4 #121

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Behold I bring you good news of great joy, for to you is born in the city of David, a savior, who is Christ the Lord. IN Christ we are forgiven and freed. **Thanks be to God!**

**Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell

#### READINGS

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

MEDITATION "Silent Night" arr. Whitworth

John 1: 1-4, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,<sup>[d]</sup> full of grace and truth.

SERMON Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell

MUSICAL RESPONSE "Joy To the World" arr. Wayne Kerr

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS, TITHES AND PLEDGES

Offertory "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Wayne Kerr  
\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #606  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

\*APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic\* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
The Lord's Prayer (debts)  
\*Communion of the People

\*Carols during Communion

"O Holy Night"  
"The First Nowell," vs 1-2 #147  
"Away in a Manger," vs 1-2 #115  
"Angels We Have Heard on High," vs. 1-2 #113

Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN OF SENDING "Silent Night! Holy Night!" vs 1-3 #122  
*Please remain in your pews as the sanctuary is darkened, and the light from the Christ candle is shared along each row. After the conclusion of the service, please extinguish your candle.*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Still, Still, Still" arr. Gordon Young

**A Word for Our Visitors**

We are very glad you are visiting us tonight. Our current COVID precautions include the sign in procedure, masks for all present over the age of 4, and socially distant seating wherever possible. Thank you for your help in combating the pandemic in a community of deep faith and mutual concern.

**Tonight for Communion**—You will be released from your row by an usher; please move to the right aisle to process to the table, receive the elements deposited into your hands, and return to your seat via the other aisle to consume them. The pastor will offer communion to those who remain seated. The elements consist of unfermented fruit of the vine (grape juice) and gluten-free bread, so that all may partake freely. All who feel called by God to meet Christ in the holy meal are invited to do so; any one of any denomination or age is welcome.

**Around our Building**—Our restrooms are located off the gathering area. The women's room is found on the hall beside the office nearest the front door. The men's room is on the opposite hall as you walk through the door to the glass breezeway. Family restroom is just beyond the men's room. An usher can help.

**Hearing Assistance**—Hearing assistance headphones are in the rack at the rear left in the sanctuary. Please set the device for 50% and place it in the pew beside you (don't hold it in your hand) so it will work more effectively.

**Membership**—If you are interested in becoming a member of Park Hill, just visit with Pastor Marie. You may join by transfer from another church, or affirmation of faith.

**Children in Worship**—There is a children's table with quiet hand play items located on the front row, and brightly colored worship bags hanging just outside the sanctuary, along with clipboards and crayons for coloring, and children's Bibles. All children are welcome to stay in worship, wiggles and giggles included.

**Worship Leadership**

Pastor: Marie Mainard O'Connell  
Worship Leader: Russ Mathis  
Christ Candle Lighting: Lewis Family  
Choir Director: Annabel Stavey  
A/V ministry: Tamara Boggs  
Welcome team: Kathy Mainard and Cindy Witherspoon Allen  
Communion Servers: Deb Mathis, Russ Mathis  
Wee Worship station: Jasmine Aranda  
Opening/Closing of the church: Jim Phillips  
Administrative Assistant: Kay Johnston  
Financial Secretary: LaVonne Smith  
Treasurer: Mike Powell

**\*\*Note:** Please leave the sanctuary doors open in welcome during worship.