



# **CHRISTMAS EVE**

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

DECEMBER 24, 2024

4:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.

# *Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion*

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus,  
for He will save His people from their sins.*

— MATTHEW 1:21



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

### The Prelude

*Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
*Pastoral Symphony*  
*The Sleep of Infant Jesus (4:00 p.m.)*  
*Christmas Fantasy (6:00 p.m.)*

Johannes Brahms  
G.F. Handel  
Henri Busser  
Sigurd M. Øgaard

*But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.*

*Luke 2:19*

### The Eve of Christmas

*The Christ Candle in the center of the wreath proclaims the birth of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, Who gives the Light of Salvation to those  
who walked in sin's darkness. It is lighted on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.*

### The Chiming of the Hour

† Congregation, please stand as able

† **The Call to Worship** – Zechariah 9:9, 10, 17 (*congregation reads bold print*)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Behold, your King comes to you;

**Righteous and having salvation is He.**

His rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**How great is His goodness,  
and how great His beauty!**

•† **The Carol No. 140**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

† **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

† **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.**

**The Anthem** (4:00 p.m.)

*Still, Still, Still*

Austrian Carol, arr. Luboff

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.

For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, holy star its vigil keeping,

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth.

The night is peaceful all around You,

Close Your eyes, let sleep surround You,

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth.

Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

While guardian angels without number watch You as You gently slumber,

Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

**The Carol No. 164** (6:00 p.m.) *See, Amid the Winter's Snow*

SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

*(please be seated during the carol)*

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

† **The Reading of God's Word** – Luke 2:1-7

pew Bible, page 1090

**The Homily**

**THE STONE**

Rev. Kurt Cooper

### COMMUNING WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE

#### **The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table**

*Who should come to the Lord's table? Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church. (from the Heidelberg Catechism)*

† **The Hymn No. 125**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

PICARDY

† **The Confessing of Our Faith** (*congregation reads bold type*)

What do you believe about God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

What do you believe about God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; 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.**

What do you believe about God the Spirit?

**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.**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## † The Prayer of Humble Access

### The Words of Institution

### The Serving of the Supper

*Please partake of the elements as you receive them,  
just as we must each receive Christ for our own salvation by faith.*

### The Solo

*O, Holy Night*

Adolphe Adam

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
it is the night of the dear Savior's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
'til He appeared, and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices!  
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His Gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
and in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we!  
His power and glory evermore proclaim!

### The Organ Interlude and Passing of Light

*In Him was life, and the light was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:4-5, 9, 12-13)*

## FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

### † The Carol

*Silent Night! Holy Night!*

STILLE NACHT

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.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

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.

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!

### † The Closing Prayer (*in unison*) – based on Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now let Your servants depart in peace, according to Your word;  
for our eyes have seen Your salvation  
which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,  
a Light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of Your people Israel. Amen.

### † The Benediction

*Please extinguish candles.*

### The Postlude

*Postlude on HELMSLEY*

James Vivian

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son  
from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

## **Leading in Worship**

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst, *Assistant Minister (4:00 p.m.)*

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister (6:00 p.m.)*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Mrs. Shannon Mathai, *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*

Dr. Mike Schrier, *soloist*

Dr. Sinyoung Kim, *violin (4:00 p.m.)*

Miss Mary Clare Johnson, *violin (6:00 p.m.)*



### **Your offering may be given to one of the ushers at the exit doors.**

The Christmas Eve offering provides monthly supplemental, temporary, or one-time assistance to our retired and disabled pastors, missionaries, pastors without call, church lay workers, and their widows and dependent children who have low incomes. The Christmas Eve offering this year is given to help these dear brothers and sisters who have served so faithfully for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

*To* all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome  
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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