

# Christmas Eve 2021 7:00 and 9:30pm



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In order to provide a safe, loving, and welcoming environment for our youngest, unvaccinated congregants, as well as immune-compromised congregants, we ask that you wear a mask while inside the building. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Please turn off all cellular phones and watch alarms during worship. Please refrain from using flash photography during the worship service.

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#### NOTES FOR WORSHIP:

GG – Glory to God The Presbyterian Hymnal

Renew! - Renew! Hymnal (grey)

OT - Pew Bible Old Testament

NT - Pew Bible New Testament

# THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2021 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.

\* If you are able, please stand

†† Latecomers seated

#### GATHERING

For the benefit of your fellow worshipers, please use the prelude as a time of quiet preparation for worship.

**PRELUDE** 

6:30 A Ceremony of Carols Benjamin Britten

Fantasia on Greensleeves Ralph Vaughan Williams

9:15 Glory to the Newborn King Anna Laura Page

WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 52:7-9

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of one who brings good tidings.

We receive good tidings of joy, words of peace, a message of salvation.

Break forth into singing, for God has comforted the people, brought bloom to the deserted places in our lives, and revealed grace to all the nations.

Word of the infant born in Bethlehem is our good news.

Christ is born. Human hopes are made flesh, and all our longings find their fulfillment in him.

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is born!

\* Processional Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

GG 133, vs. 1, 3, 4

ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold him born the King of Angels:

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

- 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
  Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
  Refrain
- Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
   Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
   Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
   Refrain

#### \* Prayer

When all things in silence lay and the night was in the midst of her course, your Word leaped down from your royal throne, O God. So we rejoice and give you praise, that your Word may live in us and that we may glorify you forever.

Glory to the newborn King! Amen

#### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GG 134, vs. 1

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

# THE WORD

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Prayer for Illumination

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 96 OT p. 550

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

7:00 Once in Royal David's City Arr. Anna Laura Page 9:30 Comfort Ye My People George Frederic Handel

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-20 NT p. 58

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

7:00 Gabriel's Message Stephen Paulus 9:30 In the Bleak Midwinter Harold Darke

SERMON A New Song The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

\* CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

GG 119

MENDELSSOHN

- 1. Hark! The herald angels sing,
  "Glory to the newborn king.
  Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
  God and sinners reconciled!"
  Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
  join the triumph of the skies;
  with the angelic host proclaim,
  "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
  Hark! The herald angels sing,
  "Glory to the newborn king!"
- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Alleluia!

# **THANKSGIVING**

#### THE SHARING OF OUR LIVES THROUGH OUR GIFTS

Please take a moment to sign the red pew register. It is found in the pew rack at the center aisle seat. Please fill out the form and pass it on to your neighbor.

#### **OFFERTORY**

7:00 Anthem	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Johann Sebastian Bach
9:30 Anthem	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Johann Sebastian Bach

#### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GG 134, vs. 2

ANTIOCH

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to the table.

Baptized children, with their parents' permission, are encouraged to receive the Sacrament.

#### THE INVITATION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer is offered.

...and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

GG 113, vs. 1 GLORIA

#### THE 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.

#### THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Alleluia! Amen!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in. GG 121, vs. 3 St. Louis

Communion will be served at the front of the sanctuary. Ushers will indicate when each pew is to come forward to receive the bread and cup. After receiving the bread and cup, you may return to your pew using the side aisles. Those not desiring or unable to come forward may so indicate to the ushers, and the bread and cup will be brought to the pew so all may partake.

Gluten-free crackers are available. Please indicate your preference.

#### MUSIC AT COMMUNION

7:00	O Holy Night	Arr. John Rutter
9:30	O Holy Night	Arr. Mark Hayes

#### \* Prayer After the Supper

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened our weary hearts with peace. In bread and cup, in Christ's body and blood, you give yourself to us.

May we spread your light and give ourselves to the world, that we might proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

# SENDING

\* SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-5 NT p. 91

#### \* CANDLE LIGHTING

Please tilt your unlit candle to receive the light from your neighbor's lit candle. You may extinguish your candle following the Benediction and place it in the receptacles in the narthex as you leave the sanctuary.

(Congregation begins singing Silent Night after verse 2 of Night of Silence)

- 1. 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.
- 2. Silent night, holy night!
  Shepherds quake at the sight,
  Glories stream from heaven afar,
  Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
  Christ the Savior is born,
  Christ the Savior is born!"
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.

#### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

7:00 9:30 Christmas Concerto Op. 6, No. 8 Mvts. IV, V, VI Arcangelo Correli In Dulci Jubilo BWV 729 Johann Sebastian Bach

Please extinguish your candles before leaving the pew. The pastors will be in the Narthex to greet you following worship

THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST MUSICIANS Melissa Dvorak, Samuel Swift and Jenna Taylor

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Sunday, December 26, 2021 Lessons and Carols, 11:00am

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# The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God

# in grateful remembrance and thanksgiving.

Rob, Debbie, Anderson and Walter Bass

In memory of Phil and Joan Zanfagna

Anonymous

*In honor of those far from home in the service of their country this Christmas night* Scotty Benson

In loving memory of Daniel and Douglas Benson, beloved family and friends

Linton Brooks and Family

In memory of Barbara Brooks

Verna and Bill Chenault

In memory of our parents

Tonys and Dan Deyo

In memory of our parents, Roy and Marie Tatum and Art and Arlene Deyo

The Dokken Family

In memory of Jim Dokken, beloved husband, father, and grandfather

Bruce and Betty Douglass

Generations of our forebears who made our lives possible

Jim and Jane Edmondson

In memory of Charles, Anita, Bob Pasolli, parents and brother of Jane Edmondson, and Jim and Sarah Edmondson, parents of Jim Edmondson

Brad and Carolyn Fisk

In memory of our parents, Jim and Mae Fell and Bert and Doris Fisk, and in celebration of our upcoming grandson

Mary Frase and Mark Oliver Williams

In memory of Robert and Eleanor Frase and H. Oliver and Laura Williams, Mary's parents and Mark's grandparents

Cathy and Bob Gaugler

John & Rosine Lindenmeyer and Roy & Fran Gaugler

Claire and Peter Grossi

In memory of our parents, Peg and Peter Grossi and Peg and Lindsey Booth

Elaine, Kristen and Susan Guth

*In memory of David Guth* 

Marie Heilen and family

In memory of Robert Heilen, beloved husband, father, and grandfather

Judy, Margaret and Liam Herseth

In honor of Charles Herseth, Ned and Isabel Ochiltree, Bruce and Margaret Hayden, and Bud and Avis Herseth.

Stephen Hiemstra

In memory of Billie Hiemstra, Diane Hiemstra Brandts, and Anne Oweis

Dale and Carolyn Hodges

In memory of loved ones

LeeLee, Tug, and Rob Hunter

In memory of Harriet Halbert

Janet Jacewicz

In loving memory of family and friends

Carol Kaffenberger and Janet Jacewicz

In loving memory of Nancy McGuire

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In celebration of their granddaughter Elizabeth Alair Paluck

The Maiwurm Family

In memory of James and Virginia Maiwurm, Geo, Ruth, Randy and Jennifer Creeper

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In memory of Ginny McElroy

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In memory of Nancy Grace McGuire, beloved wife and mother

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In memory of our beloved parents

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In memory of our beloved parents and son Michael

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In Celebration of Mary Ann and Bob Philipp

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# Rosalind and Paul Phillips

In memory of our parents; Rosalind's sister, Linda; and Paul's brother, James

# Rev. Gary and Barbara Pinder

In memory of our parents Raymond and Rosalie Pinder, Robert and Mabel Scoville, and our daughter, Amani Joy Pinder

# Scott Ramsey and Laura Cunningham

In memory of George Ramsey, with gratitude to the loving congregation of Lewinsville for your prayers and support

# Roy and Karen Siple

In memory of Erwin Foster and Bill and Barbara Siple, and in celebration of our children and grandchildren

# Ed Sumner and Toni Harrington

In memory of Toni's parents

### Janice Tullos

In memory of John Lloyd and Sylvia van Voorthuizen

#### Hendrik van Voorthuizen

In memory of Sylvia van Voorthuizen

# Diane Wachtel, Alison and Michael

In memory of Michael Wachtel, husband and father

# Diane Wachtel and Linton Brooks

In memory of our parents Edison and Louise Nunez and John and Virginia Brooks, Diane's sister, Cynthia, and Linton's brother, David

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MUSIC MINISTRY 7:00pm Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells 9:30pm Alumni Choir and Alumni Bells

Lay Readers 7:00pm 9:30pm

John Day Cathy Gaugler

DUTY ELDER 7:00pm Nate Jones

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