

# Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024  
5:00 p.m.



## **Vision Statement**

*Worship God*

*Love One Another*

*Serve the World*

## **St. John's Presbyterian Church**

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\*Please **STAND** as you are able.

String Prelude

Lighting the 4 Candles

*Hope, Peace, Joy and Love*

Welcome/Opening Prayer

Kent Meads, Pastor

Strings and Chancel Choir selections from G.F. Handel's *Messiah*:

*And the Glory of the Lord*

*O Thou that Tellest, Good Tidings to Zion*

Amy Willoughby, alto

*For Unto Us a Child is Born*

Strings and Chancel Choir:

*Glory to God in the Highest*

*Hallelujah*

Offering

Elaine York, Pastor

\*Hymn No. 44

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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The Story of the Nativity

Rew Goodenow, Elder

By Elizabeth Winthrop/Illustrated by Ruth Sanderson

\*Hymn No. 31

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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The Shepherds' Christmas Night (Video)

Luke 2.8-15

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Lighting of the Congregation's Candles



\*HYMN NO.60

*Silent Night*

See lyrics below

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*As we sing Silent Night, the ushers will come forward and light their candles from the pastor, who has lit his from the Christ Candle. They will then move down the center aisle, lighting candles of those on this end of the pews. Please tip your unlit candle into your neighbor's lit candle. Please keep the lighted candle upright. Please do your best to not tip a lighted candle as tipping will spill hot wax. (Yes, the large cups do help, but it's best to simply avoid tipping a lighted candle).*

*When the candles have been lit, we will stand and sing together two verses of Silent Night, Holy Night (the words are printed on page 2). The pastor will exit down the center aisle. The congregation will follow, beginning with the first row. Please take your coat and other belongings into the courtyard and join others there, Rev. Meads will conclude the service by giving the Christmas Blessing.*

## **Silent Night, Holy Night**

**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.

**Pastors**

Kent Meads  
Elaine York

**Music Director**

Susan Horst

**Organist**

David Brock

**Strings:**

Olga Archdekin  
Katharine Wentink  
Catherine Matovich  
Eileen Brownell



**Chancel Choir:**

**Soprano**

Zelma Dick  
Judy Mahon  
Zyena Tolhurst

**Tenor**

Gloria Wallner  
John Wright

**Bass**

Victor Henney  
Stuart Duke  
Mark Sturdivant

**Alto**

Brigitte Dillet  
Amy Willoughby  
Winnie Kortememier  
Rebecca Zajic  
Sue Wyman  
Mary Hemminger  
Cheryl Allen

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Welcome to all who worship with us on this Christmas Eve. Thank you for being here! You are cordially invited to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. May the joy, peace, hope, love and promise present at the birth of the Christ child surround you this Christmas and in the year to come.

You will find more information about St. John's on our website ([www.stjohnschurch.org](http://www.stjohnschurch.org)).

