

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

Greetings

Rev. Dr. Matthew Camlin

Prelude – *He Shall Feed His Flock - Air from G.F. Handel’s Messiah*
Tawnee Hunter - flutist

Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light,
for a child has been born for us, a son given to us!
Glory to God in the highest heaven!
Let us worship the Prince of Peace.

*Processional Carol (on screen), *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Unison Prayer:

God of Love Incarnate, we confess that, with the shepherds, we are terrified of your glory; for in glory’s light we see plainly all that is wrong in the world: how oppression still enslaves; how garments of war are still stained with blood; how those seeking refuge still find no place of safety. We also see what is wrong in us: how passionately we pursue the things of this world, but forget to ponder the mystery of faith; how we do not practice the peace you intend in our relationships, our community, or even in the church. Forgive us, we pray, and help us not to be afraid. Like the shepherds, we want to follow and find you. In the Savior’s name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

*Response–Song, *Advent Carol*

Carillon Handbell Choir

First Lesson – *Luke 2:1-7*

Response-Song

Anne & Rick Bruening

Holy Is His Name by John Michael Talbot

Second Lesson – *Luke 2:8-14*

Response-Song, *Worship the King* by Bill George & Billy Smiley

Worship Team

Third Lesson – *Luke 2:15-20*

Response- Song, *Joseph’s Song*

Todd Cole

Fourth Lesson – *John 1:1-14*

Sermon – *Place: Home in the Word*

Rev. Dr. Matthew Camlin

Song – *O Holy Night*

Andrew Withington

*Litany for Christmas and The Lord’s Prayer (“*forgive us our sins*”)

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!
Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!

O Christ, splendor of God’s eternal glory,
the mighty Word, sustaining the universe:
renew our lives by your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, born into the world in the fullness of time
For the liberation of all creation:
Release all into your promised freedom.
Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time,
Born in a stable in Bethlehem:
May your church be a sign of hope and joy.
Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, truly God and truly human,
Born to a people in fulfillment of their expectations:
Fulfill our desires in you.
Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, born of Mary,
Child of wonder and splendor,
Mighty God of all ages, Prince of Peace:
May the whole world live in peace and justice.
Lord, have mercy.

All-power and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever, and who taught us to pray saying, ***“Our Father...” Amen.***

Special Music – *All Is Well* by Wayne Kirkpatrick & Michael W. Smith Worship Team

Carol, *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Joy Bells Handbell Choir

December 24, 2020

*Benediction

*Carol (on screen) – *Joy to the World!*

Postlude – *Break Forth Into Joy* - from *The Christmas Oratorio* by J.S. Bach



Notes

The congregation of New Wilmington Presbyterian Church is indebted to the Boyd families for the many, many years they blessed us with the gift of a Christmas tree. Indeed, we also remember and miss their friendship, and the care and commitment with which they served God through the ministries here. *Thank you!*

We extend a special “thank you” to all who helped decorate the sanctuary for Advent this year.



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