



Silent Night. Holy Night.

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve • December 24, 2025 7:30pm

Welcome, and Merry Christmas!

Gathering From Out of the Darkness

Preludes:

The First Noel – Arranged by: Brian Bindner, Brass Ensemble

Away In A Manger – Arranged by: Brian Bindner, Brass Ensemble

What Child Is This? – Arranged by: Craig Curry, Sarah Davies, Piano

Star of Bethlehem – Arranged by: Jenny Oaks Baker, Kellen Mikesell, Violin

Coventry Carol – Arranged by: Brian Bindner, Brass Ensemble

We Three Kings – Arranged by: Craig Curry, Sarah Davies, Piano

Silent Night – Arranged by: Vaclav Nelhybel, Brass Ensemble

Welcome

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Brian Bindner, Brass Ensemble

Lighting of the Advent and Christmas Candles

L: In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again? Where do we start?

P: Let us begin with hope. Let us begin with peace. Let us begin with joy. Let us begin with love.

L: Yes, let us begin with love, for surely love knows your name. This night, we light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. For surely God is in this place. Surely the Spirit is near. Surely love knows our name.

P: May we rest in that good news. Unto us a child is born. A light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. Glory to God in the highest heaven! Amen.

(The Advent candles are lit.)

All singing:

We Are A People of Hope (Verses 1 through 5 - page 5)

*Call to Worship

L: In those days, in the beginning, Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem. He was to be registered, and she was expecting a child. The time came for Mary to give birth, so she delivered her child, wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger.

P: And the angels sang “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to all

whom God favors.”

L: Let us worship our God.

P: Let us sing songs of praise!

*Carol 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Prayer of Approach

Gracious God, as you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives this night. Illumine our paths with the light of Christ’s presence, that we may clearly see the way before us, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Promise of a Savior

Choir Anthem: O Holy Night

Christopher Alexander

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

The Nativity of Our Lord

*Carol 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Second Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Soloist Derek Lebo: Sing for the King

Angie Killian & Allie Gardner

Responding to God’s Gift to Us

Third Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: Follow the Star

The Reverend Doctor Anne Stewart

Choir Anthem: Angels Carol

John Rutter

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory: Silent Night

Craig Curry

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, and shine forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Offering Carol *145 What Child Is This?*

Christmas Prayer / 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem: Love Came Down

Camp Kirkland, Cliff Duren, and Marty Parks

Proclamation of the Light

Fourth Reading: John 1:1-14

(The Christ Candle is lit, followed by the congregation's candles. Please, only the unlit candle is to be tipped when lighting.)

*Carol 122 Silent Night, Holy Night

*Benediction and Sending

The loving kindness of the Lord our God, the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit be with you all now and forever. Amen.

Go now and bear witness to the light of Christ. Thanks be to God

(Please extinguish your candles, and all sing.)

*Carol 134 Joy to the World!

Postlude: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing – Felix Mendelssohn

Kenneth D. Varner

(Asterisk indicates those who are able should stand. Bold indicates congregation's participation.)

We Are a People of Hope

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1 We are a peo - ple of hope;
 2 We are a peo - ple of peace;
 3 We are a peo - ple of joy;
 4 We are a peo - ple of love;
 5 Christ is the light of the world;

we are a peo - ple of hope.
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Light - ing a can - dle, we wait for the dawn;
 Light - ing a can - dle, we work for the dawn;
 Light - ing a can - dle, we watch for the dawn;
 Light - ing a can - dle, we wel - come the dawn;
 Light - ing a can - dle, we wit - ness the dawn;

we are a peo - ple of hope.
 we are a peo - ple of peace.
 we are a peo - ple of joy.
 we are a peo - ple of love.
 Christ is the light of the world.

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TABLE OF GRACE
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Christmas Dedications for 2025

Poinsettias

In Memory of:

- ◆ John E. (Jay) Rutzler IV by N. Diane & John E. Rutzler III
- ◆ Charles and Dorothy Pascoe by William and Lynn Clark
- ◆ Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Beckley, Mr. & Mrs. C. Owen Beckley, Dr. & Mrs. Frederic E. Sanford by the Beckley children
 - ◆ Parents by Dave & Judy Thompson
 - ◆ Frederick Taylor by Adam Taylor
- ◆ Lawrence Preitz by Allen and Karen Taylor and family
 - ◆ Our parents by Linus & Sharon Fenicle
- ◆ Bob and Cindy René Fissel by wife and mother, Joann Fissel
 - ◆ Mr. & Mrs. Ed Black and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Fissel by daughter and daughter-in-law Joann Fissel
 - ◆ Mary Lois & LeRoy Clark by Lynn & William Clark
 - ◆ Jeffrey Melton Clark by Lynn and William Clark
- ◆ Our parents, grandparents and loved ones by John and Pam Mitchell
 - ◆ Pamela and Mary Margaret Smith by Berne and Betty Smith
 - ◆ The Rev. James & Lila Miller by Lydia and Richard Keller
 - ◆ Mary Jane & Don Edwards, Cindy Barton, and Donny Edwards by the McBride family
 - ◆ George and Dorothy Rothman, Henry and Georgia Jamieson by Bill and Sue Rothman
 - ◆ John and Laura Zazworsky by John and Monica Zazworsky
 - ◆ Sam and Peggy Kirkpatrick by John and Monica Zazworsky
- ◆ Elijah Lehman and Nathan Mann by Byron, Malinda, Kellen, Senecca Mikesell
- ◆ Fred and Pearl Fissel, Pearl and Charles Gitt Sr., Norman and Fay Woods, Raymond and Ethel Mikesell by Byron, Malinda, Kellen, Senecca Mikesell
 - ◆ Family and friends by Dolores Peffley
 - ◆ Our parents by Jim and Carol Helsel
- ◆ Robert and Annamay Mougans, Thelma Dunkle, Charles Appleby by Charlie and Sue Appleby
- ◆ Rev. Spencer and Willie Smith and Ralph and Marian Weaver by Berne and Betty Smith

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- ♦ Loved ones by Roger and Ann Hummel
- ♦ Bob Harner by Kyle, Betsy, Willa and Grace Ohnstad
 - ♦ Our parents by John and Abby Tierney
- ♦ Jim and Ruth Crouse by Steve, Linda Crouse and children
 - ♦ Romaine Bentzel by Bentzel and Temple family

In Honor of:

- ♦ Rev. Daniel and Marian Mikesell and Charles and Joan Gitt by Byron, Malinda, Kellen, Senecca Mikesell
 - ♦ Family and friends by Dolores Peffley
- ♦ The wonderful staff of our church by your congregation

To the glory of God:

- ♦ Richard and Janyce Jorgensen

Christmas Joy Offering

In Memory of:

- ♦ Barbara A. & V. Norman Deane by N. Diane & John E. Rutzler III
- ♦ Melanie G. & John E. Rutzler Jr. by N. Diane & John E. Rutzler III
 - ♦ Loved ones by Don Potter & David Binkley
 - ♦ Ted Kelley by Linda Kelley
- ♦ Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sarraf by Steven & Delaine Sarraf
 - ♦ Loved ones by Ann & Roger Hummel
 - ♦ Ms. Roberta R. Bowman by the Hall family
 - ♦ Mrs. Florence E. Quigley by the Battisfore family
 - ♦ Mr. & Mrs. Spencer G. Hall by the Hall family
- Mr. Spencer G. Hall Jr. and Jordan Hall by the Hall family
- Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Battisfore by the Battisfore family

If you purchased a poinsettia and will be taking it home with you or delivering it to someone, please come to the front of the sanctuary and retrieve it at the conclusion of the 7:30 service. Thank you very much!

Today we welcome the Rev. Doctor Anne Stewart as our preacher. Anne serves as Executive Vice President at Princeton Theological Seminary. She is the founding director of Iron Sharpening Iron, Princeton Seminary's executive leadership program for women clergy. She holds a B.A. from Smith College, M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and Ph.D. in Old Testament from Emory University. She is the author of Poetic Ethics in Proverbs: Wisdom Literature and the Shaping of the Moral Self. Most importantly, Anne is the daughter of Dr. Mary Simmonds and Richard Stewart and was raised in the faith in Camp Hill Presbyterian Church.

STATEMENT OF WELCOME & INCLUSION

As followers of Jesus, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We are committed to creating an inclusive space of belonging and safety. Therefore, this community of faith welcomes into full participation, membership, and leadership persons of diverse age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, level of education, class, and income.

Rooted in the Reformed tradition, we affirm that "God alone is Lord of the conscience," allowing for a breadth of diverse theological and biblical interpretations. We covenant to

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