

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 2018

5:00 pm

†Please stand if able.

All read bold print.

GATHER

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

GATHERING SONG *Jesus Is Born Tonight!*

Adelyn & Aubrey Astorino, Virginia Barr

**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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES

..... Melissa, Larry, Logan, Aubrey & Sierra McGunnigle

†CALL TO WORSHIP

On this night, let us not be silent.

Let us proclaim what God has done.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us:

the Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

†CAROL NO. 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

†CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

**Living God, on this holy night we gather—to stand with shepherds,
amazed at your glory; to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;
to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise; to sit with Mary,
cradling your love. As we quickly go now to Bethlehem to see what
has taken place, may the good news of this night inspire us to tell
the world of our great joy: Jesus is born. Alleluia! Amen!**

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those next to you)

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ENGAGE

ANTHEM *Silent Night*

Children's Choir

†CAROL NO. 115 *Away in a Manger*

DRAMA FOR ALL AGES "Manger Memories"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 2:1-20
 Matthew 2:1-12

The song, *The Friendly Beasts*, will be sung at various movements during the dialogue, one verse at a time. When the musical introduction begins, please be prepared to sing from the song sheet.

RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Offertory on "Noel Nouvelet"* (Medieval French)arr. McCabe

†CAROL NO. 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO FORTH

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST *We Pass This Flame to You*

Susan Homan & David Witt

During the song, the ushers will come forward, light their candles, and proceed down the aisles, lighting the candle of the first person in each pew. You are asked to pass the light on to the person on your right or left. *Please only tilt the unlit candles.*

†CAROL *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

**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, heavenly 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.**

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†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

†POSTLUDE

**COME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP, WORSHIP CHRIST THE
NEWBORN KING!**

We joyously welcome you to worship tonight as we together celebrate the birth of Jesus. We feel greatly blessed that you are here! Like the shepherds, "let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." (Luke 2:15). Merry Christmas to you and your family!

TAKE CARE WITH THE CANDLES TONIGHT!

We encourage caution and the utmost care with an open flame in sharing the light of Christ at the conclusion of worship tonight. Please watch that each family member responsibly holds the candle upright so as not to drip wax and keeps the candle away from paper and bulletins at all times. Ushers will be watchful and ready to assist.

Christmastide Sunday—December 30th —8:30 & 11:00 am

Annual Service of Lessons & Carols

Special Music, Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering

Epiphany Sunday—January 6th—8:30 & 11:00 am

Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "Opening Our Treasure Chests"

Communion, CCAP

Opequon Presbyterian Church

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **We encourage you to share requests for prayer.** You may do so by completing the pink form found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering.
- **Trust your children to the care of our dedicated, loving workers!** The nursery rooms are located through the Gathering Area, down the Gallery and through the Dell Room. An usher will be happy to escort you. Our nursery ministry cares for infants and toddlers to age three.
- **Worship Bags are available for children ages 3-kindergarten.** These bags are located in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the basket when you are leaving.
- **Look forward to taking part in a Sunday School class each week.** Sunday School is held at 9:45 am each Sunday. There are classes for all ages and interests.
- **Restrooms and a coat rack** are located off the Gathering Area, just outside the Sanctuary.
- **A water fountain** is located off the Gathering Area.
- **Large-print hymnals, Bibles and bulletins** are available from an usher.
- **Personal hearing assistance devices** are available from an usher if you would like to use one.
- **Transportation can be provided to worship.** Call the church office before 12:00 pm on Friday.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

David Witt ----- Pastor
Carole Witt ----- Director of Christian Education
William Heavner ----- Organist/Pianist
Garrett Jones ----- Accompanist
Susan Homan ----- Director of Music
Cheyenne & Sydney Burton, Lisa & Bill Frye ----- Greeters
Jason Brown, Heather & Steve Burton,
Jordan & Terry Hartman, Andy Homan ----- Ushers
Lance Astorino, Beth Barr, Carrie & Steve Rockwell ----- Drama

The Friendly Beasts

Charlie Louvin/Ira Louvin
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**Jesus our brother, kind and good
Was humbly born in a stable rude
And the friendly beasts around Him stood
Jesus our brother, kind and good.**

**"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
"I carried His mother up hill and down;
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town."
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.**

**"I," said the cow, all white and red
"I gave Him my manger for a bed;
I gave Him my hay to pillow His head."
"I," said the cow, all white and red.**

**"I," said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."
"I," said the sheep with curly horn.**

**"I," said the camel, yellow and black,
"Over the desert, upon my back,
I brought Him a gift in the Wise Men's pack."
"I," said the camel, yellow and black.**

**Thus every beast by some good spell
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel,
The gift he gave Emmanuel.**