



## **Christmas Eve Service**

**December 24, 2020 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00 PM**  
**6:00 PM Livestream: [tinyurl.com/CRPCXmas](https://tinyurl.com/CRPCXmas)**

## Call to Worship: Revelation 5:11-13

Leader Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People **"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"**

Leader And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

People **"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

## Opening Prayer

### First Scripture Reading: I Peter 1:10-12

<sup>10</sup>Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, <sup>11</sup>inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. <sup>12</sup>It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

## Hark The Herald Angels Sing

(Words: Charles Wesley 1739; Music: Felix Mendelssohn 1840)

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 angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem

*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King*

Come, Desire of nations, come,  
Fix in us thy humble home;  
Now display thy saving power,  
Ruined nature now restore;  
Let us Thee, though lost, regain,  
Thee, the life, of mortal Man:  
O! to all thyself impart,  
Give to each believing heart.

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of a virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth

## Second Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## What Child Is This

*(Words: William C. Dix 1860's; Music: 16th Century English Ballad)*

What Child is this who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise a song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

## Third Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those  
with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Homily:** Reverend Matt Koerber

*During the final song, candles will be lit and the lights will be dimmed.*

# Silent Night

*(Words & Music: Joseph Mohr 1818)*

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,  
Heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"

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!"

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.

## Benediction

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# Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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