

Silent 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!

Helping in Worship:

Acolyte	Sarah-Grace White
Readers	Vickey Carroll, Gloria Pickett
Head Usher	Will Cass
Ushers	Skyler Altier, Cheryl Cass, Amanda Myers, Hunter Zawistowski

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Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Service
6:00 PM

December 24, 2022

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The Community Responds to God's Word

The Community Gathers to Worship God

Christmas Carol Sing

Prelude: *O Thou Joyful Day*

Call to Worship:

Leader: The angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would bear the Holy Child.

People: He was born in Bethlehem then. We pray that he might be born again tonight in our hearts.

Leader: The angel reassured the shepherds who were frightened by the brightness of God's glory.

People: He directed them, just as he would direct us, to the gentle light shining from the manger.

Leader: A choir of angels filled the night sky with hymns of praise for God's Christmas gift.

People: We would join that song with thankful hearts. We would offer our best gifts to God's gracious Son. Amen.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Worship** (please stand): *"The First Noel"*

UMH 245

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: Today is Christmas Eve when we recall our hope in Christ....

....walk in darkness but have the true light of life.

All: Welcome, Lord Jesus, Welcome! AMEN.

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

***Hymn of Preparation** (please stand): *"What Child is This"*

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Pastoral 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Evening Message

Special Music *"Mary Did You Know"*

Skyler Altier & Sarah-Grace White

We will be collecting an offering during this time, but hear the words of scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." Only God, the God who already knows the challenges you face, is watching.

Lighting of Candles:

The pastor will light his candle from the Christ Candle. The ushers will then receive the light and move down the center aisle. The person on the end should light their candles and hold the candle for the next person in the pew, and so on. Please tilt only unlit candles when lighting. The candles will remain burning during the singing of "Silent Night," (seated) and should be extinguished at its conclusion. The congregation will exit the sanctuary in silence and contemplation, depositing the extinguished candles in the box located in the narthex.

Hymn of Praise: *Silent Night*

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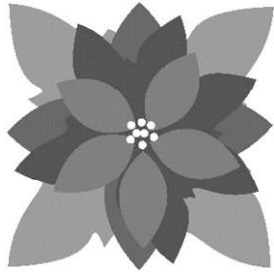
Everyone, please extinguish your candles when done singing

Postlude: *"Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)"*

Jenn Harmer & Jessica Pardee

**Please stand if you are able*

Have a Joyous, Safe and Merry Christmas!



The Poinsettias Are

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