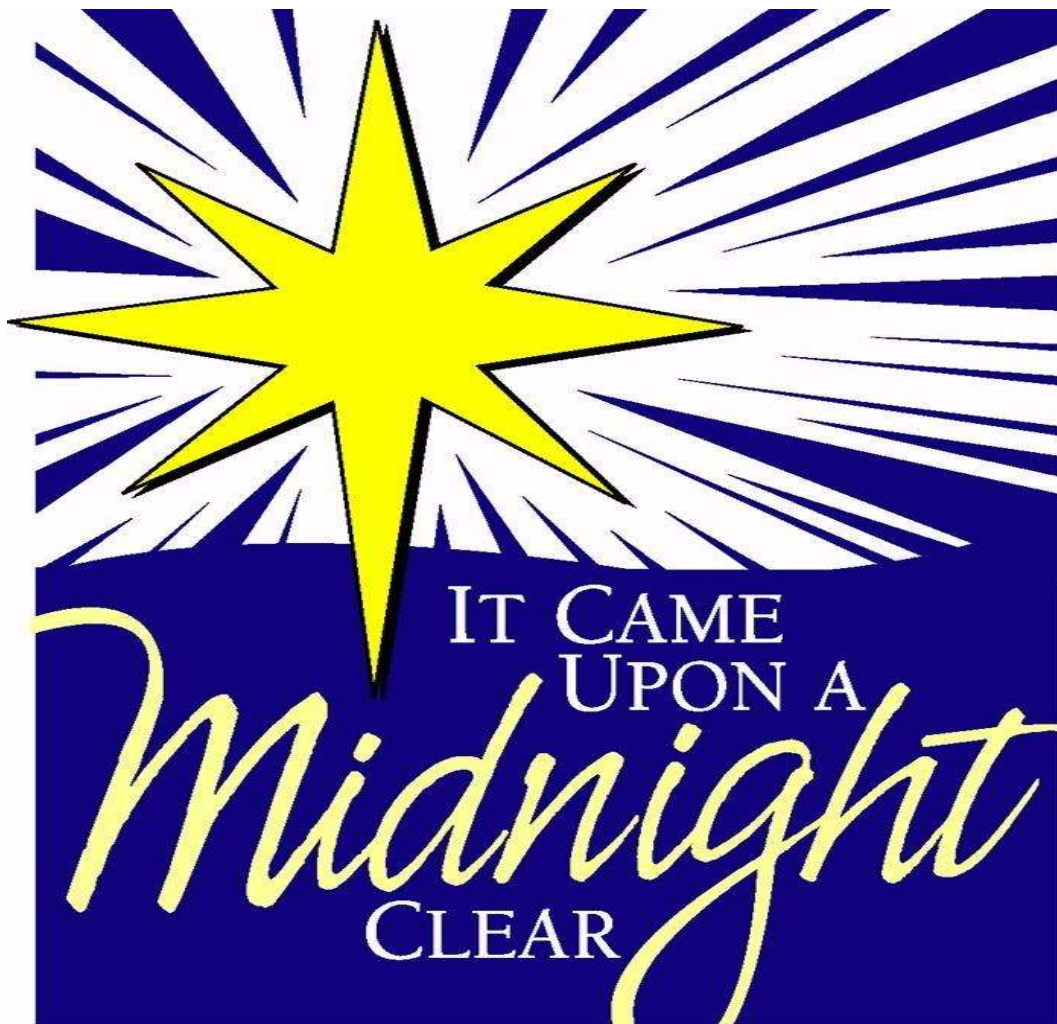


Takoma Park Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24, 2022 : 5:00 p.m.

Live streamed at 5:00 p.m.



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Prayer of Confession

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

One: Let us pray:

Unison: God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God in Christ Jesus came down so that we might have new life.

Because of this radical, selfless love we are set free from sin and

liberated to join God in creating a new world of Beloved Community.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

***Praise 121 (v.4) O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 2:1-20

Anthem O Holy Night

Adolph Adam

Anthem I Am So Glad Each Christmas

Swedish Carol
Arr. Robert Hobby

Time with all God's Children

Cloth for the Cradle
Pastor Harper

***Carol 115**

Away in a Manger

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer (unison)

All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Offering Invitation

Offertory **Whence Is That Goodly Fragrance?** French Carol
Arr. Mack Wilberg

Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing,
stealing our senses all away?
Never the like did come a blowing,
Shepherds, from flow'ry fields in May.
Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing,
stealing our senses all away?

What is that light so brilliant, breaking
here in the night across our eyes?
Never so bright, the daystar waking,
What is that light so brilliant, breaking
here in the night across our eyes?

Bethlehem! there, in manger lying,
find your Redeemer, haste away.
Run ye, with eager footsteps hieing!
Worship the Savior born today.
Bethlehem! there, in manger lying,
find your Redeemer, haste away.

Trans. A. B. Ramsey

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

***Doxology**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

O God of love,
You have given us your whole self, a living, breathing gift of
grace, hope and new life in Jesus.
May his spirit fill us to overflowing so that we might share his
love with this world that is so in need of healing.
May these gifts be acceptable as expressions of that love. Amen.

Lighting the Candles

One: Hear the good news! The light of Christ shines in the darkness!

All: And the darkness does not overcome it!

One: We light our candles to symbolize the presence of God within us and
the love of Christ that we carry into the world. Come, let us live in
the light of the Lord.

*(Ushers will come forward and light their candles from the Christ candle and then
distribute the light throughout the congregation)*

***Carol 122**

Silent Night, Holy Night!

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Joy to the World

George Frideric Handel

Arr. Fred Bock

Participants in Tonight's Worship Service

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor

Alphonso Williams, tenor

Carol Christensen, flute

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir

James Bingham, organ



Christmas Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary

Dedicated in Memory of:

Jim and Joan McGilvray

by Laurie MiGilvray

Carmen Hague

by Laurie MiGilvray

Hubert & Geneva Drake

by Susan Drake Swift

Colleen DiPaul

by Pat Rumbaugh

Krista Tretick

by Kasenia Tretick

Klaud and Margaret Bittner

by Carolyn Tilly

Teah Seals Smalls

by Eula M Seals

Dean Hoge

by Jo Hoge

Dean Hoge

by Elizabeth Hoge

Alfred H Lange, Andrew Lange, William Lange, Mary Gagnon

by Karen Lange

Wallace Monsell

by Brian Monsell

Dedicated in Honor of:

Alex and Chris Monsell

by Brian and Rose Monsell

Calendar

December 24, 2022 - January 3, 2023

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. If you are looking for a church home, you are warmly welcome.

Sunday worship service is at 11:00 a.m., with Sunday School for all ages.

Pastor Mark Harper is pleased to talk with you, you may call him on 301-270-5550.

Sunday December 25, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday January 1, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

OFFICE HOURS: The Church Office will be closed December 23 - January 4, 2023 .