

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Christmas Eve**  
**Worship Link:** <https://youtu.be/JhPc-U-0ekc>

**You may wish to have a Christ candle to light – and you may wish to have a candle for each person to hold and light during Silent Night.**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:** (Fabrice, Donna-Michelle, Sebastien, Benjamin Rancoeur)

- (Our advent liturgy is provided by the Presbyterian Church in Canada and attached in your email – this year written by TPC former minister Rev. Kristine O'Brien!! Please join in reading as: "The People" as the words are on the screen or print out the attachment)

**REMEMBERING:** *The Eve of Christmas Day*

by Allison Lupton

(Song came as Allison was inspired remembering how my Mom loved Christmas, and grieving her own Dad)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSlhHNDIqAA>

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**CAROL:** *O Come all ye faithful*

J.F. Wade

♫ O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant. O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem  
O come and behold him, born the King of Angels

**Chorus: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him**  
**O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord**

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle leaving their flocks draw nigh with lowly fear. We too will thither, bend our joyful footsteps. **Chorus:**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation O come, o come ye to Bethlehem  
O Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels. **Chorus:**

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 2:8-20 (NRSV)

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER:** Refrain: *Hallelujah* by L. Cohen (with Christmas words)

(Prayer provided by the Presbyterian Church in Canada):

Holy and loving God, you stir in our hearts and bring joy to our lives.....

♫ **A couple came to Bethlehem expecting child, they searched the inn**  
**To find a place for You were coming soon there was no room for them to**  
**stay so in a manger filled with hay GGod's only Son was born,**  
**oh Hallelujah! Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

God of hope and healing, as you came to us in love....

♫ **I know You came to rescue me this baby boy would grow to be a man and**  
**one day die for me and you. My sins would drive the nails in You that rugged**  
**cross was my cross, too still every breath You drew was Hallelujah**  
**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER & ASSURANCE:**

**CAROL:** #139 *Hark! The herald angels sing!*

By Charles Wesley

♪ Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise - join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!

**Chorus: *Hark! the herald angels sing! Glory to the new-born King!***

Christ, by highest heaven adored. Christ, the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold him come offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see. Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased on earth with us to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel! **Chorus:**

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace. Hail the sun of righteousness  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by born that we no more may die  
Born to raise the lost of earth - born to give us second birth **Chorus:**

**SERMON:** *Room for hope!*

**CANDLELIGHT & MUSIC: Poinsettias are given in loving memory by:**

- *Doris MacLean in memory of her husband Gordon MacLean and her daughter Patricia Reibin*
- *Linda MacDonald in memory of parents Evelyn & Martin Snyder*
- *Dave and Anne Murdoch in memory of parents George & Joan Saray, Gordon & Donelda Murdoch; and grandson Andy Wright*
- *Pat and Iain McNicol in memory of their son Andrew*
- *Jessie Logan in memory of her husband Bob Logan*
- *Marilynn Kennedy in memory of her husband Terry Bannerman*
- *Eileen Arnold in memory of Eric & Isobel Arnold & David Cooper*
- *Nancy MacDonald Exel in memory of grandparents Mary & Earl Blackwell, Edna & Lewis MacDonald, & niece Amy Bross*
- *Carolyn McAvoy in memory of her parents Rev. Homer McAvoy & Elizabeth (Doherty) Beaton*

**CAROL:** #154 *Silent Night*

by Franz Gruber

♪ 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 Al-le-lu-ia!  
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 & POSTLUDE**