

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light,

**On those who lived in a land of deep darkness,  
light has shined.**

for a child is born for us, a son given to us!

**Glory to God in the highest heaven!  
Let us worship the Prince of Peace.**

HYMN GTG 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

**O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

“Good news of great joy,” the angel said,  
“for to you a savior is born.”

“Follow me,” the star beckoned,  
“For Hope was born in Bethlehem.”

As we light the Christ candle,  
we watch for the Christmas story around us.

**Emmanuel has come and is coming. Come, all ye  
faithful, and worship God.**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-7

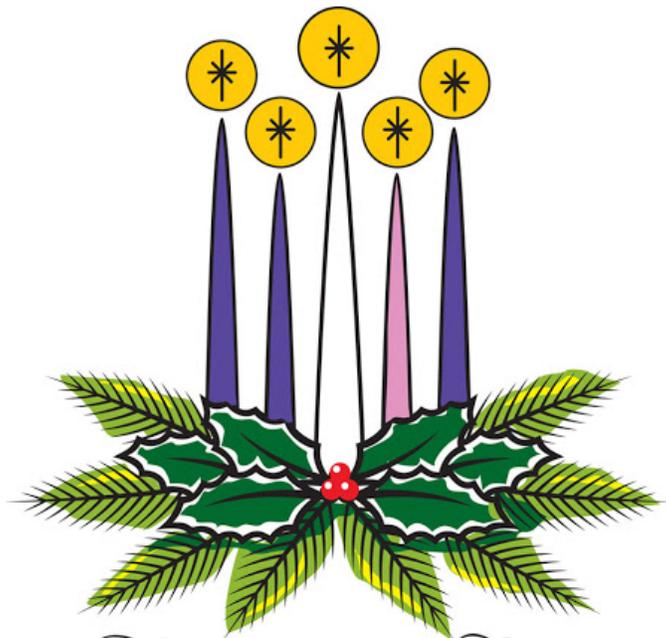
HYMN GTG 145 What Child Is This

**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!**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-14

HYMN GTG 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**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 the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”**



*Christmas Eve*  
**SERVICE**

*Community Presbyterian Church*

*Rochester, Minnesota*

*www.cpcrochester.org*

*December 24, 2020*

*Pastor Jan Wiersma*

*Pianist: Glenna Muir*

*Liturgists: Mark Neville, Margaret Petersen*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:15-20

SOLO *Cantique de Noel* Soloist Mark Neville

Christmas Meditation and Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-4, 14

HYMN GTG 122 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!”**

Christmas Blessing