



CROSS CREEK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve

2024

6:30 pm

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Advent Wreath: Christ Candle

Mac & Karrie McDonald and Family

Call to Worship

Matthew 2:11

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Invocation

* Hymn # 194

“O come, O Come, Emmanuel”

* Hymn # 162

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-6

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Pastor: This is the Word of our God.

Congregation: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.

* Hymn # 200

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A 20-21, Our Redeemer

Q. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

* Indicates please stand if able

Q. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

* Hymn # 203

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

* Prayer for Illumination

* Sermon Text:

Luke 2:1-20

* **Minister:** Thus far the reading of God's holy Word. And may God add His blessing to the reading of His Word.

* **Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: **“Peace Came at Christmas”**

Rev. Ken Godwin

Sermon Outline: On back page

Prayer for Transformation

* Benediction

* Candle Lighting: Hymn # 210

“Silent Night! Holy 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 heav'nly 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! 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!

Christmas Is

Sermon Text: *Luke 2:1-20*

Main Point: *Christians have the amazing privilege of knowing, embracing and declaring what Christmas is.*

1. Christmas IS History

2. Christmas IS Good News

3. Christmas IS worth sharing