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Being a community of devoted believers, we are:  
**Gathered** by the Holy Spirit

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### PRAYER of INVOCATION

Holy child of Bethlehem, you are the hope of the world, the song of the angels, the treasure of our hearts, and the glory of God among us. Call us to worship you in the places where your love is born anew: wherever kindness prevails, justice flourishes, and peace reigns. Send us out to serve you, sharing good news of great joy, and praising God through you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### \*OPENING PRAISE SONG † Christ is Born

It is "He", Christ who is born today  
See Him crying in the manger  
King of Heaven Son of God  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

There He lies there with the lam'kin  
Only swaddle for his garment  
With his Holy Mother Mary  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Glory, Glory, Almighty God!  
And on Earth, Peace to All Men  
Hear the joyful angels singing  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

He is born, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord King of Kings Prince of Peace  
for All the Universe  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## CALL to CONFESSION

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

Holy Three in One, we come to you this evening with great expectations. Expectations that the Son, Jesus, has been born, and that his life is a light for us and all people. We come with expectations that the Holy Spirit can transform our often mundane, ho-hum lives into something different, something special - a life filled with hope, love, joy, and peace.

**PRAYER of CONFESSION** *(continued)*

Forgive us when we forget. When we forget the good work you began in us, and instead of focusing on your coming, we focus on ourselves. When we focus on gifts and parties and bonuses and all the other trappings that come with this season. Father, may we turn our expectations to the birth of the Son this night, in whose name we pray. Amen

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE † #271 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

*Joyful, joyful, we adore You God of glory Lord of light  
Angels lifting praise before You sing throughout this holy night  
In a manger lies a baby child of Mary Son of God  
Joyful now our hearts are lifted praise You for Your gift of love*

Growing in faith

**LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE**

**Bonnie Harrist**

***Angels We Have Heard on High*** *(vs. 1)*

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.*

***Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.***



**YOUTH ZOOM in to TELL OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

**\*PRAISE SONG † Jesus, Born on This Day**

Today a child is born on Earth today the glory of God  
Shines everywhere for all of the world

**CHORUS 1**

***Oh, Jesus, born on this day  
He is our light and salvation  
Oh, Jesus, born on this day  
He is the King of all nations***

Behold, the Lamb of God has come  
Behold, the Savior is born  
Sing of His love to everyone

**CHORUS 2**

***Oh, Jesus, born on this day  
Heavenly child in a manger  
Oh, Jesus, born on this day  
He is our Lord and our Savior***

Today our hearts rejoice in him today the light of His birth  
Fills us with hope and brings peace on Earth

**CHORUS 1**

Today a child is born on earth  
He is light, He is love, He is grace  
Born on Christmas day  
He is light, He is love, He is grace  
Born on Christmas day

**PRAYER of ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE † Luke 2:1-20**

**SERMON † Christmas 101: The Birth**

**\*HYMN #285 † O Holy Night**

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope--the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here came the Wise Men from Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
In all our trials born to be our Friend.  
He knows our need-- to our weakness is no stranger.  
Behold your King, before him lowly bend!  
Behold your King, before him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and his gospel is peace.  
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in his name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;  
Let all within us praise his holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
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**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #270 † Joy to the World (vs. 1 & 4)**

**1** Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive its king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.



**4** He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Going to share the good news of God's love

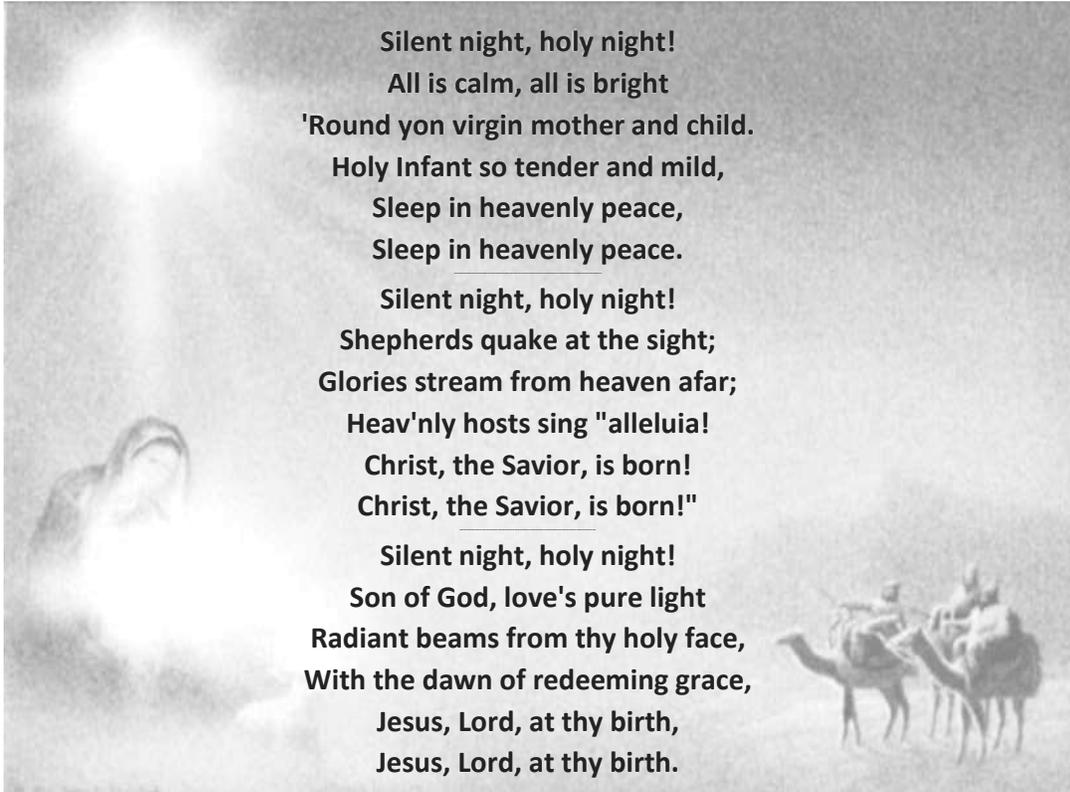
**OFFERING of OUR LIVES & GIFTS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above the heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**PRAYER of DEDICATION**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #245 † Silent Night (vs. 1, 2 & 4)**



**CHARGE & BLESSING**

Carnegie Presbyterian Church is a caring and serving community of devoted believers in Jesus Christ called to inspire and nurture the spiritual health and physical well-being of our neighboring communities.



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### **COMPUTER** *(with or without a camera)*

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