



**CENTER GROVE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*December 24, 2021*

## **Prelude**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*                      Ellie Swick, Piano  
*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*              Silas Swick, Piano

## **Welcome**

\* **Call to Worship:** Responsive Reading from **Micah 5:1-2**

**Pastor:** Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops.

**Congregation:** Siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek.

**Pastor:** But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me.

**All:** One who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

\* **Opening Hymn:** #201 Red Hymnal "*O Little Town of Bethlehem*"

\* **Prayer of Invocation**

## **Lesson 1**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 7:10-14

**Hymn:** #194 Red Hymnal "*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*"

## **Lesson 2**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 9:1-7

**Hymn:** #208 Red Hymnal "*O Come All Ye Faithful*"

**Special Music:** "*Manger Throne*" offered by Wes, Angie, Caroline & Mary Wesley James

### **Lesson 3**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5

**Special Music:** “*All Is Well*” offered by André & Anneke Kok (vocals)

### **Lesson 4**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 1:1-17

**Hymn #205** Red Hymnal “*Away in a Manger*” (JOY Choir to sing first stanza)

### **Lesson 5**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 1:18-25

**Christmas Homily:** “*The Mystery & Miracle of Jesus’ Birth*” - Pastor Wes James

### **Sacrament of Communion**

\* **Lighting of the Candles:** “*Silent Night! Holy Night!*” and “*Joy to the World!*”  
(Lyrics printed on the back cover of bulletin)

\* **Benediction**

\* *Congregation stands*

*Thank you for joining us for this special Christmas Eve Service.  
May the LORD bless you and fill you with His joy this  
Christmas season and throughout the coming year!*

***“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 heavenly 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!

***“Joy to the World!”***

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King;  
let every 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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

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.