

***“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.

**Merry  
Christmas**  
CENTER GROVE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**December 24, 2025**

**Thank you for joining us for our  
Christmas Eve Candlelight service!**

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# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**Prelude:** *“The First Noel”* by Ellen Singh (flute)

## Welcome

\* **Call to Worship:** Responsive Reading from **Isaiah 7:10-14**

**Pastor:** Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”

**Congregation:** But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.”

**Pastor:** And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?”

**All:** “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

\* **Opening Hymn:** #194 Red Hymnal *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

\* **Prayer of Invocation**

**Lesson #1:** Isaiah 9:1-7

**Hymn:** #213 Red Hymnal *“What Child Is This”*

**Lesson #2:** Matthew 1:18-25

**Special Music:** *“Christ the Babe is Lord of All”* - The Vocal Ensemble

**Lesson #3:** Matthew 2:1-6

**Hymn:** #201 Red Hymnal *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

**Lesson #4:** John 1:1-18

**Special Music:** *“Behold, the Lamb of God”* – Angie, Caroline, and Mary Wesley James

**Christmas Homily:** *“And the Word Became Flesh”* - Pastor Wes James

## Sacrament of Communion

\* **Lighting of the Candles**

\* **Hymns:** *“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 our Christmas Eve service. May you have a Merry Christmas! We welcome you to join us for our Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am.*