# Silent Night

Silent Night, Holy Night, All is calm, All is bright Round you 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.

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 heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

*Joy to the world! The Savior reigns, Let us our songs employ;* While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

# WRPC Weekly Calendar

## **Sunday 12/26**

11:00am Worship Service Monday 12/27 – Floating Holiday, Church Offices – **CLOSED** 

# Friday 12/31

10:00am Food Pantry

## Sunday 1/2

9:45am Sunday School Grades Pre-K through Grade 12 – ZOOM

11:00am Worship Service / 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering

## Tuesday 1/4

11:00am Staff Meeting, GS

# Wednesday 1/5

1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir Practice

# Friday 1/7

10:00am Food Pantry



WRPC Church Offices will be CLOSED on December 24 and 27.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us to all of you!

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# Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2021, 6:30pm



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# Welcome to our Visitors

This church welcomes all who come within its walls or within its influence. Whatever the reason for you being here today, we hope that you find light, peace, direction and friendship.

If you would like more information about Waverly Road Presbyterian or if you are interested in becoming a member, you can fill out one of the yellow cards placed behind the pews, contact our minister at 423.247.5121, or visit our website at www.waverlyroadpc.org.

Please note the following details concerning the bulletin format:

When you see **bold italics**, **we all read aloud together**.

An \* invites those who are able to stand.

## TIME OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "In the Bleak Midwinter" Gordon Young

GATHERING PRAYER Rev. Collin Adams

**INTROIT** "The Yearning" Craig Courtney

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Who would think that what was needed to transform and save the earth

Might not be a plan or army, proud in purpose, proved in worth?

Who would think, despite derision, that a child should lead the way?

God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

\*OPENING HYMNS 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Verse 1

**143** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Verses 1 and 4

## FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-18

#### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Preparation and Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Savior, forgive us:

When we make no room for you in our lives.

When we sanitize your birthplace and forget that you came for all humanity.

When we sing sweetly tonight, but forget that you yearn to be present with us every day.

When we, like Herod, seek to cut down all who might rise above us.

Tonight we claim your love. We ask you to cleanse and use us. We invite you to live in us long after Christmas is past.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him will have everlasting life!

God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn, but so that all of the world might be saved through him.

Embrace the gift of forgiveness brought by the Christ Child!

We are forgiven! Alleluia!

**CAROL ANTHEM** 

"The First Noel"

Dan Forrest

#### SECOND LESSON

Psalm 96:1-13

God's plan paves the way for our salvation.

HOMILY

"Sing"

Rev. Collin Adams

**CAROL HYMN 88** 

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Verse 1

#### THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.

**CAROL HYMN 145** 

"What Child Is This? (Remain seated)

Verses 1 and 2

#### **FOURTH LESSON**

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of Creation.

**CAROL HYMN 124** 

"Still, Still, Still"

(Remain seated)

Verses 1 and 2

## FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

(Remain seated)

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear the holy child.

CAROL HYMN 115

"Away in a Manger"

Verses 1 and 2

#### THE 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

#### SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.

# LIGHTING UP THE WORLD

\*CAROL

"Silent Night"

See the back of the bulletin.

# FINAL READING

John 1:1-14

\*CAROL

"Joy to the World"

*See the back of the bulletin.* 

# **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**