

Silent 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,

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 12/24	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service / Carols /
		Christmas Pageant / Birthday Party for Jesus, FH
	6:30pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Monday 12/25	8:00am	Christmas Holiday – Church Offices CLOSED
Tuesday 12/26	8:00am	Christmas Floating Holiday – Church Offices CLOSED
Wednesday 12/27	1:00pm	ZOOM Bible Study
Friday 12/29	10:00am	Food Pantry, FH



WRPC Church Offices will be CLOSED on December 25 and 26.

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

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2023, 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 “O Holy Night” arr. by Mark Hayes

GATHERING PRAYER Rev. Collin Adams

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy.

To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!

Let us go now to Bethlehem.

*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

Great and glorious God, through Jesus Christ our Savior, you have shown us that the blessed age of grace has appeared and the hope for the time of salvation has come. Yet we cling to the glories of the present age— worldly passions and impious pursuits, self-indulgent, crooked, and ungodly ways. Redeem us from evil and cleanse us from sin, through Christ, who gave himself for us, so that we can be your people, holy and whole. AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this good news of great joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to God’s people on earth.

CAROL ANTHEM “Candlelight Carol” John Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky? How can you measure the love of a mother, or how can you write down a baby’s first cry?

Refrain: Candlelight, angel light, firelight, and star glow shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn. Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing: the Christ child is born.

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him, Seraphim round him their vigil will keep; Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior, but Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep. Refrain

Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger: Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay. Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation: A child with his mother that first Christmas day. Refrain

SECOND LESSON Psalm 96:1-13
God’s plan paves the way for our salvation.

HOMILY “Tell the Story” 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
An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear the holy child.

CAROL HYMN 115 “Away in a Manger” (Remain seated) 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