



A Service of Worship on Christmas Eve
Family-Oriented Worship Service
December 24, 2025 4:30 p.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

Bold print denotes an invitation to participate out loud

We Gather around the Light

Prelude

Christmas Carol Medley

Lighting of the Christ Candle (*responsive*)

Gordon-Becker family

Throughout these last weeks we have been lighting candles.

One candle at a time, the light has grown brighter.

Tonight we light the candle in the center of them all - the Christ Candle.

The light of Christ shines brightly - chasing the darkness away.

Welcome

**Call to Worship (responsive)*

At Christmas, we remember how Jesus came to us.

Jesus came as a little baby.

Jesus came in the flesh to show us God's love.

We show God's love when we care for one another.

May we remember God's love

and God's gift of children as we worship today.

Let us worship the Lord!

**Opening Prayer*

**Hymn*

Joy to the World (vv. 1, 4)

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***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.***

***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.***

We Hear the Story of the Light and Sing

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Introduction

An Angel Visits Mary

Based on Luke 1:26-38

An Angel Visits Joseph

Based on Matthew 1:18-25

Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem

Based on Luke 2:1-7

Hymn

Away in a Manger (v. 1)

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***Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.***

Shepherds Receive a Special Message

Based on Luke 2:8-20

Hymn

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (v. 1)

119

***Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"***

The Magi Find Jesus

Based on Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn

We Three Kings (v. 1)

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***We three kings of the far east are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!***

Conclusion

*Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful (vv. 1, 4)

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***O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!***

***Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!***

We Respond to the Light

Invitation to the Offering

*We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering this evening.
Gifts to this program support church leaders of the past, present, and future
for education and at times of special need.*

Christmas Eve Prayer

Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**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.**

We Carry the Light into the World

*Lighting of the Candles

*Hymn

Silent Night

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*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.*

*Blessing

*Blessing Response

Go Tell it on the Mountain (refrain, v. 1, refrain)

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*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.*

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

***Are you looking for a church home for your family? Give us a try!
We have plenty of opportunities to worship, learn, serve,
and connect with one another at Massanutten Presbyterian Church!***

- **Worship** takes place on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. You are welcome to join us in the sanctuary, or you can worship online at massanuttenchurch.org. You also can watch our past worship services at massanuttenchurch.org if you'd like to get a taste of what our worship is like before visiting.
- We have the following **faith formation programs** for folks of all ages:
 - Sunday mornings from September through May (9:30 - 10:20 unless otherwise noted):
 - **Adult Sunday School** from 9-10 a.m. We have two different classes.
 - "Faith Village" is for **elementary school children**. This program teaches children Bible stories over the course of several weeks using different learning methods. Ask for a tour of our special Faith Village rooms downstairs!
 - **Middle School Sunday School** uses a more advanced version of the Faith Village program.
 - "**High School Breakfast**" is a relaxed time for food, fellowship, prayer, and questions about faith that meets on many Sundays.
 - **Parent Fellowship** meets during programming for children and youth. This is a time for parents to connect while their children are learning.
 - "**Godly Play**" is an opportunity for our youngest children to learn Bible stories using special storytelling techniques. This meets during part of worship (ages 4 - 2nd grade).
 - Other opportunities:
 - **Youth group** (6th - 12th grade) meets most Sundays from September through May from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Our youth have dinner and play games together before splitting into middle and high school groups to have a lesson together. They have regular service opportunities and special summer conference and mission trip opportunities.
 - **Adult small groups** meet throughout the year - including:
 - Coffee Fellowship on the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Kaffee Klatsch in the Dayton Market
 - "Diving Deeper" Bible Study on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
 - Dinner groups gather quarterly at the homes of members
- We also have plenty of opportunities to **serve** others - including through our Food Pantry, Blessings in a Bag, the Open Doors shelter, Habitat for Humanity, mission trips, and much more.

***Interested? Ask someone you see at the church, talk to Pastor Keith,
call the office at (540) 434-6194, or visit massanuttenchurch.org.***

Merry Christmas!

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