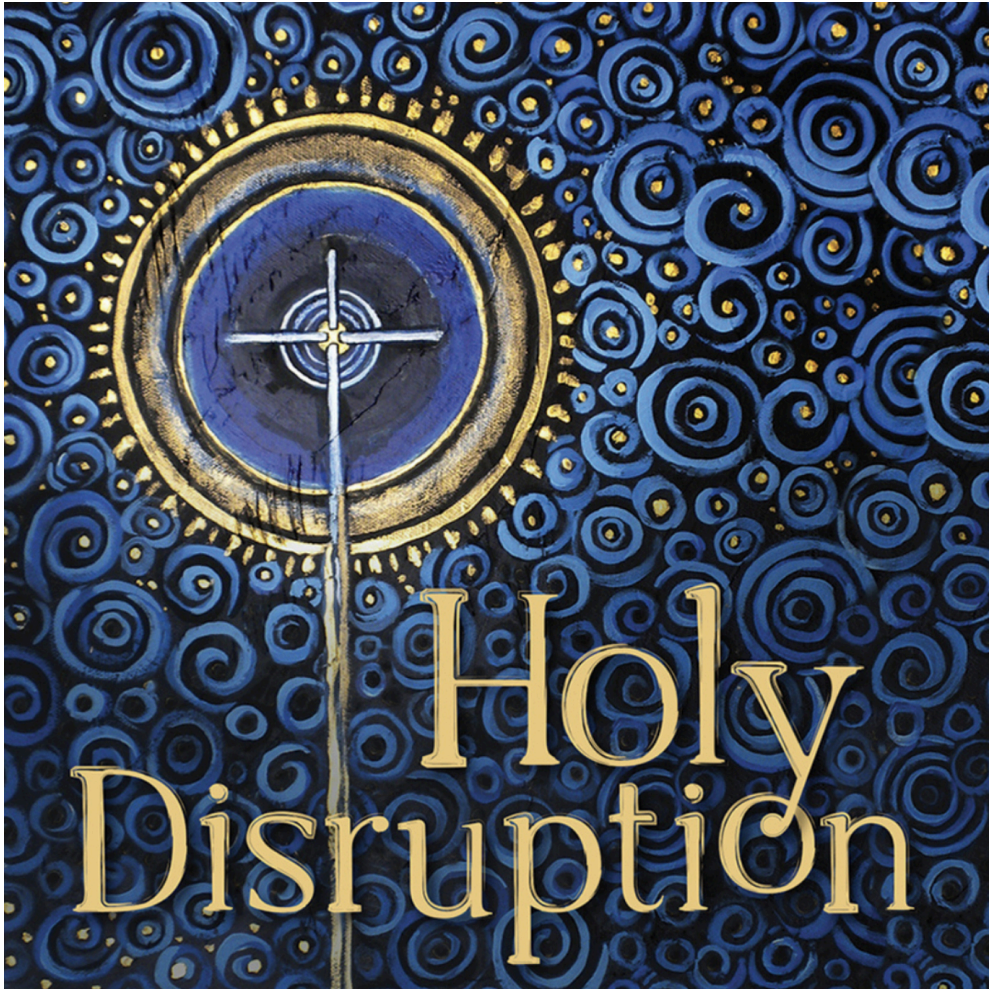


**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA**



**Christmas Eve Service**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: “Love Comes to Us at Christmas”

Musical score for "Love Comes to Us at Christmas" in D major, 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

Staff 1: D D/F# G A D D/F# G A Bm G  
Love comes to us at Christ-mas. Love comes to heal our souls. Love brings an

Staff 2: A D Em Cmaj7 A sus A G2 D/F# Em7 D/F#  
in - vi - ta - tion that our hearts might be made whole. As we ga - ther at the sta - ble

Staff 3: G2 D/F# Em7 D/F# G2 D/F# G A Bm C G  
in the dark-ness, glad and grate-ful for the sa-cred in our midst, for won-der and de -

Staff 4: D2 Em7 D/F# G G/B Bm D  
light, Christ is born in us this night.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

\*OPENING HYMN: NO.133 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” v. 1-3

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!	True God from true God, Light from light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; very God, begotten, not created! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
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\* An asterisk indicates that all gathered are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Sing, choirs of angels;  
sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all  
glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

BIBLE READING: Luke 1:5-12

DRAMATIC PRESENTATION: Zechariah

NO. 129 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” v. 1  
Lo, how a rose e’er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse’s lineage coming,  
by faithful prophets sung.  
It came, a floweret bright,  
amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

BIBLE READING: Luke 1:57-60

DRAMATIC PRESENTATION: Elizabeth

NO. 123 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” v. 1, 4-5  
It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven’s all-gracious King”:  
the world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now, for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing:  
O, rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

BIBLE READING: Luke 1:26-38

DRAMATIC PRESENTATION: Mary

NO. 100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

BIBLE READING: Matthew 1:18- 25

DRAMATIC PRESENTATION: Joseph

NO. 145 "What Child is This?"

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;  
the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high.  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

#### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*NO. 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

#### COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### \*CANDLELIGHT

*We share the light as we sing No. 122, 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.

#### \*BENEDICTION



\*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 134 "Joy to the World" v. 1 & 4

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.

### **Worship Leadership**

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor  
Mark Dewey, Liturgist  
Eric Ruple, Pianist  
Dawn, Eric, and Laura Ruple,  
Advent Wreath

Mike Strawderman, Zechariah  
Mary Colleen Knapp, Elizabeth  
Janet Dewey, Mary  
Mark Dewey, Joseph  
Amy Lemmons, Soloist

*We are grateful to have shared this special evening with you. If you are looking for a place to worship or a church home, we welcome you to consider Trinity. We worship each Sunday at 10am in person or live online (via Facebook), and you can always join us later by recording. Note that we will *\*not\** live stream on Sunday, December 31st, but if you are in town, we invite you to come in person for our morning worship, featuring a hymn sing of favorite Christmas carols. You can learn more about Trinity and our ministries on our church website, [www.TrinityPresbyterianHarrisonburg.org](http://www.TrinityPresbyterianHarrisonburg.org), or feel free to reach out to us for more information. You can also fill out one of the blue cards for prayer requests or to request more information, and leave it with an usher or the pastor on your way out this evening. If you'd like to give to support Trinity's ministries or the PC(USA) Christmas Joy offering, there will be a basket at the back of the sanctuary to receive gifts as you leave. Gifts can also be made online through our church website, or sent to the church office. Merry Christmas!*

### **Bulletin Insert:**



## **Christmas Eve Service**

*Welcome to Trinity this Christmas Eve! That first Christmas was certainly not silent, and we welcome whatever wiggles and sounds we bring tonight. For those who might find it helpful, we have a staffed nursery just off of the Commons on the north end of the building. We will receive communion by intinction tonight. This sacrament of God's grace is available to any who wish to receive it. The bread we share is gluten, egg, and dairy free. The cup is non-fermented fruit of the vine (grape juice). For the candle lighting part of the service, we have flameless options for anyone who might be concerned about steady hands and safety. Thank you for joining us tonight!*



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### **Poinsettias in Memory of...**

**Betty Allen** - *Don Allen & and their daughters*

**The Parents of...** *Sara Holben & Bob Schminkey*

**The Parents of...** *Rick & Sue Orem*

**Nancy Sleezer** - *Paul Sleezer & Davin, Lucinda, & Karen John Held - Ann Held & Family*

**Margaret Hottel** - *Held Family*

### **Donations to Open Doors In Memory Of...**

**Esther Stamets Atwood** - *Roxana Atwood*

**Challace McMillin, Albert** - *Mary Lou McMillin*

**& Ciara McMillin, Wayne &**

**Paulette McMillin,**

**Flossie & John Quinn**

**The Parents of...** *Sara Holben & Bob Schminkey*

### **Poinsettias in Honor of...**

**Dordie Healy** - *Virginia Healy*

**The Grandchildren of...** *Terry & Judith Lepera*

**[Alexandra, Andrew, Ashley,**

**Joseph, Knox, & Lacy]**

### **Donations to Open Doors In Honor Of...**

**Lisa McMillin Wooley &** - *Mary Lou McMillin*

**her family Mike,**

**Christopher and Rachael**

**& Sid McMillin**

**Larry Barber** - *From Terry & Judith Lepera*