

## Silent Night

\*Hymn 253 [vr. 1,2,4]

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!  
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Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.  
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### LIGHTING OF CANDLES

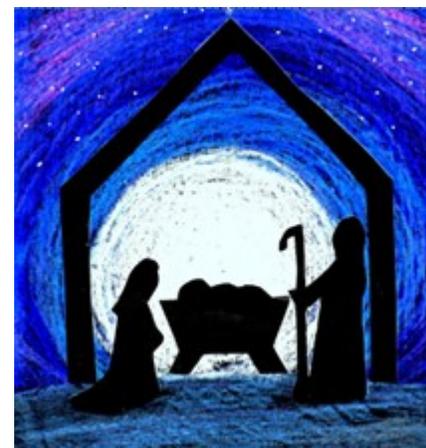
The minister will light candles from the Christ candle. Each worshipper will turn and light the candle of the person seated next to him/her.

After all candles are lit, ***we will stand for the Benediction*** and sing "Silent Night, Holy Night." (Hymn 253—see words above)

The first verse will be sung in place. On the second verse, the minister will recess out of the Sanctuary. The congregation will follow from front to back, until all have left the Sanctuary. Please extinguish your candles into the bucket in the Narthex.

And may the Lord be with you and yours this special night.

## Timber Ridge PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *"Old Stone Church"* 1746 -2020



## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

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7 PM

*December 24th, 2020*

*Rev. Patrick Lanaghan  
Christian Education: 9:30 AM  
Worship: 11:00 AM*

Member of the Shenandoah Presbytery,  
Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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**— CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE —**  
**DECEMBER 24TH, 2020**

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**Prelude**     *O Holy Night*

**Call to Worship - Responsive**

LEADER: Blessed be the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **For he has looked favorably upon his people  
and has redeemed us.**

LEADER: God has raised up a mighty savior for us.

PEOPLE: **He has shown mercy and is faithful in all  
things.**

LEADER: Come; let us prepare the way of the Lord.

ALL: **For God is good and we are his messengers.**

**Opening Prayer - Invocation**

*Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may  
share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men. Deliver us from evil by the  
blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with  
clear hearts. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*Christmas Eve—The Christ Candle*

† **First Witness - Gabriel**                     *Luke 1:26-35*  
*"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

† **Second Witness—Elizabeth**             *Luke 1:39-45*  
*"What Child Is This"*

**Prayer of Confession - In Unison**

Lord, on this quiet Christmas Eve we celebrate your coming  
into the world. The past seems so far away and the present so  
filled with problems. We know in our hearts that you are with  
us in our time of need, but so very often we don't listen to our  
hearts. Help us, Lord, to trust your promise, so we may be  
aware of your holy presence within us. Please guide us in  
these troubled times. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**                     *Joel 2:12-13*

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all  
your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."  
Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the  
LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from  
sending calamity.

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Congregational Response**     *Gloria Patri*

† **Third Witness—Mary**                     *Luke 1:46b-55*  
*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

† **Fourth Witness — Innkeeper**             *Luke 2:1-7*  
*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

† **Fifth Witness — Angels**                     *Luke 2:8-14*  
*"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

† **Sixth Witness — Shepherds**             *Luke 2:15-20*  
*"O Holy Night"*

† **Seventh Witness — Christmas Message**  
*Rev. Patrick Lanaghan*

**LORD'S SUPPER**



The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up our hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup**

**Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

**SILENT MEDITATION IN DARKNESS**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sharing the Light of Christ "Silent Night"**