

“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!
Christ the Savior is born.

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.
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

The minister will light the usher's candles from the Christ candle. The ushers will then move down the two aisles, lighting the candle of the person at end of each pew. Each worshipper will turn and light the candle of the person next to them.

After all candles are lit, we sing “Silent Night.” (Hymn 253—see words above)

As we are singing Silent Night, the lights will be dimmed. At the end of the hymn, the pastor will signal that it is time to blow out the candles. We will sit in a darkened church for a few moments that will soon be interrupted by the light coming back on as we all stand sing “Joy to the World”.

PLEASE, be carefull not to drip or blow wax on the pews or carpet. May the Lord bless and keep you safe on this special night.

**Timber Ridge
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
“Old Stone Church”
1746 -2017



***Christmas Eve
Service 2021***

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

*Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
is a community of believers in God;
the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit;
desiring to praise & worship our Risen Lord
in a learning, loving and healing environment.*

TIMBER RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE — DEC. 24TH, 2021

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.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

† **First Witness – Gabriel** *Luke 1:26-35*
 “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
 Hymn 244 [verses 1,2]

† **Second Witness—Mary** *Luke 1:46b-55*
 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
 Hymn 245 [verses 1,2]

Pastor’s Prayer for the Church

Assurance for the People

*The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us,
has come to us in Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
He binds up the broken-hearted, heals all our infirmities,
and relieves our burden of sin.*

*While it is true that we have sinned, It is a greater
truth that, in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.*

*God has shown his love for us in that while we were
sinners, Christ died and rose for us. Arise, shine; for his light
has come, And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

***People: Thanks be to God!**

***Passing the Peace**

***Congregational Response** *Gloria Patri* #623

† **Third Witness—Elizabeth** *Luke 1:39-47*
 “What Child Is This?”
 Hymn 281 [verses 1,3]

† **Fourth Witness – Bethlehem** *Luke 2:1-7*
 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
 Hymn 250 [verses 1,4]

† **Fifth Witness – Angels** *Luke 2:8-14*
 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
 Hymn 277 [verses 1 & 2]

† **Sixth Witness – Shepherds** *Luke 2:15-20*
 “Go Tell It On the Mountain”
 Steve Cathcart, Mike Henry & Jerry Williamson

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel *John 1:1-5,14-15; 3:16*

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

Sharing the Light of Christ — *Lighting of the Candles*

Hymn 253 *“Silent Night” [vr. 1,2,4 - remain seated - see back page]*

† **Seventh Witness – The Children of God**

* *“Joy to the World”*
 Hymn 270 [verses 1 & 2]

***Benediction**

**Indicates places in the service where those who are able may stand.*