

WELCOME TO
Greencastle Presbyterian Church



Christmas Eve Family Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 ~ 4:30 pm

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Christmas Prelude

Greg Strine, *piano*

Welcome

A Christmas Eve Prayer (Unison)

O God, as we gather together to glorify You on this holy night, please bless our friends and family members. Bring us together in unity this Christmas season. May we love others as You have loved us. May this time of worship be sweet and fill us with your grace. Thank You for the greatest gift of all – the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ! Amen.

Carol: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

No. 133 (verses 1, 3 &4)

- 1) 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!

Refrain: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him; Christ the Lord!

- 2) Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest! *Refrain*
- 3) Yea, Lord we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in Flesh appearing! *Refrain*

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Carol: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

No. 119

- 1) Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild. God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
- 2) Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the'incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

- 3) Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all be brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

A Christmas Eve Reading **Stille Nacht**

Sparsely sifted snowflakes, Soft as prayer,
Flash in early darkness. A wondrous night begins.
It is a bright midnight Of moon-washed sand
And thinly glinting snow
When that delicate, newborn cry Startles the quiet animals,
The wise and watchful animals,
Bearing witness to the miracle.
His mother comforts Him, The infant King,
And sleep stills the incarnate One,
Putting away all fear for now,
Leaving the holy night In silence.

-Kenneth R. Sibley

Solo *Star Carol*

Fred Davison, *baritone*

Greg Strine, *piano*

Alfred Burt

The Reading of the Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

That Special Night

A Group Enactment of the Nativity

(All the children are invited to come forward with the pastor)

Carol: *Away In A Manger*

No. 114

- 1) Away in a manger, no crib for his 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.
- 2) The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

- 3) Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

A Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*The Candlelight Service

The ushers will light the candles of those at the ends of each pew. Then those can share the light with those in the pew. Parents are especially asked to supervise children holding a lit candle. Glow sticks are provided as an alternative to using a lit candle. Candles may be deposited in the metal cans supplied for the extinguished candles at the end of the service.

*The Candlelight Carol *Silent Night* Ken Watkins, *guitar*

1) 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.

2) 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!"

3) 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.

4) 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.

*A Pastoral Blessing

The Postlude

Greg Strine, *piano*



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

With caring Honor to

*Our grandson, **Otis Bell** by Susan & Richard Bell (red)*

The entire fantastic staff of GPC! (11 people)

by Kathryn & Bill Greene (red)

<i>Rev. Dr. Robert Cook</i>	<i>Bonnie Speaks</i>	<i>Jan Eppleman</i>
<i>Dr. J. Frederick Davison</i>	<i>Bryan Larew</i>	<i>Barbara Grane</i>
<i>Susan Miller</i>	<i>Debbie Hock</i>	<i>Paul Grane</i>
<i>Keri Papa</i>	<i>Ryan Hock</i>	

The victims of Hurricane Helene

by Carole L. Malin & David Rutherford (pink)

Our family, we love you!

by Scott, Rhiannon, and Candace Rutherford Peterson (white)

Jessye Ritter by Linda Tarr (red)

Chris & Racheal Bowman by Keith & Cindy Marconi (red)

Ryan & Brianne Marconi by Keith & Cindy Marconi (red)

The Birth of Jesus by Rebecca Wertime (pink)

Michol & Mitchell Austin

Lucien & Alexander Austin

by Anthony & Virginia Vallillo (red)



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In loving Memory of

John & Tillie Wine by Ed & Debbie Wine and family (*red*)

Dr. Joseph Cain by Ed & Debbie Wine and family (*red*)

Tom & Josephine Stouffer by Jeff Stouffer (*white*)

Dr. Don & Treva Luck by Jeff Stouffer (*white*)

My wife, Melissa Wills by Steven Wills (*red*)

Daniel M. Sachs by Jan S. Eppleman (*red*)

Becky Sachs Mackey by Jan S. Eppleman (*red*)

Robert & Dixie Davis by Terry & Lynn Davis (*pink*)

Shirley Cook by Terry & Lynn Davis (*red*)

Russell Everetts by Jane Everetts (*red*)

Kathryn's parents, Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Faith
by Kathryn & Bill Greene (*red*)

Kathryn's brother, Dr. Mark E. Faith
by Kathryn & Bill Greene (*red*)

My parents, Arthur & Mary Long by Carole L. Malin (*pink*)

Pete Peterson, *Husband, Dad, Pappy*
by Scott, Rhiannon, and Candace Rutherford Peterson (*red*)

Carolyn Rutherford, *Mom & Grandma*
by Scott, Rhiannon, and Candace Rutherford Peterson (*pink*)

All our family who await us in Heaven

by Fred & Debbie Young *(red)*

*Our parents, **George & Shirley Price and
Harry & Maxine Morris***

by George & Pamela Price *(red)*

Kathryn Welterlen Rees by Judith & Craig Welterlen *(red)*

Roy & Maria Welterlen by Judith & Craig Welterlen *(white)*

Hubert & Ruth Williams by Judith & Craig Welterlen *(red)*

*My mother, **Beatrice Dunster*** by Nancy Lee D. Moore *(red)*

*My father, **Ken Dunster*** by Nancy Lee D. Moore *(red)*

*My brother, **Ken Dunster, Jr.*** by Nancy Lee D. Moore *(red)*

Michael Sean Austin by Anthony & Virginia Vallillo *(white)*

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