



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The First Presbyterian Church of Rome (EPC)

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Prelude

String Quartet

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

ALL: O God, on this night of expectant wonder, we again walk the path to Bethlehem and to the child whose birth was heralded by prophets, proclaimed by angels, and welcomed by shepherds. Open our eyes this night to see in that infant your loving purposes, and stir within us adoring praise. Amen

Call to Worship

Leader: God the Father has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (Colossians 1:13-20 NIV)

ALL: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16 KJV)

Hymn of Christmas No. 270

“Joy to the World”

The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 2:1-7

Hymn of Christmas No. 262 (verses 1 and 2) ~ “Away in a Manger”

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 2:8-15

Hymn of Christmas No. 281 ~ “What Child is This?”

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 2:15-20

Hymn of Christmas No. 267~ “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

Special Music

“O Holy Night”

String Quartet

Message and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

The Candle Lighting Service

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, 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!

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.



Join us again next Sunday morning in King Hall for our
combined worship service at 10:30 am.

*No Sunday School for any age on New Year's Eve morning.
Childcare will be available as usual during the service on December 30,
though there will be no Children's Worship that morning.*

Poinsettias may be picked up after the service tonight,
or during the day on Wednesday, December 26.