



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
We tell this story



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve 5 p.m.



Prelude

Brady Anderson, Sophie Price, Randy Romig

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Shannon Dill

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Song of Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Christmas Eve Ensemble

The ABCs of Christmas

Luke 1:28-33

A through E

Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem
congregation invited to sing

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

Luke 2:6-7

F through G

Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
congregation invited to sing

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!"

Luke 2:8-14

H through J

Luke 2:15-20
K through M

Carol

Away in a Manger
congregation invited to sing

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.

N through S
Matthew 2:9-11

Christmas Message

"T though U"
Shannon Dill

*Children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps.
Children may return to their seats after the prayer.*

Offering

Light of the World
Christmas Eve Ensemble

V through Z

Christmas Litany*

Leader: "V" is for vulnerable, which means "capable of being hurt." Jesus, like us, was vulnerable.

People: Tonight, we also remember the pain that Jesus would later feel as he approached the cross.

Leader: "W" is for Wonder. Like the Wise Ones, we stand in awe and wonder of the newborn King.

People: Tonight, we pray that we might keep that wonder for Christ every day.

Leader: "X" is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ. X is one of the most ancient symbols of Christianity and reminds us that God's love is everlasting.

People: Tonight, we thank God for our Christian faith that has passed – and will continue to pass – from generation to generation.

Leader: "Y" is for You. All of you.

People: Tonight, we rejoice that Jesus came for the whole world and for each one of us.

Leader: And finally – "Z" is for Zeal. Zeal means "to have great energy or enthusiasm" for something. So friends, let your zeal for Christ burn brightly!

People: As the candlelight spreads through this sanctuary, we know that the light of Christ burns even brighter. These lights will be extinguished, but the light of Christ is steadfast and endures forever and ever!

Candle Lighting*

The ushers will light a candle at the end of each pew. Please receive the light by dipping your candle into the lighted candle and passing the light to your neighbor.

Carol*

Silent Night, Holy Night!

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.

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.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

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.

At the conclusion of the carol, the Sanctuary lights will come up and you are invited to extinguish your Christmas candle.

Benediction*

Postlude

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Cast

Narrators: Hannah Brown, Nolan McGoldrick, Mischa Douglass, Asher Phillips

Alphabet Presenter – Grace Wilkes

Mary, Joseph, Sheep, and Baby Jesus – Lacey, Stephen, Isaac and Isabelle Hawkins

Gabriel – Hope Murray

Live Sheep Shepherds – Samantha and Hunter Moss

Angels – Rowan Phillips, Bea Riddle, Elsie Riddle

Shepherds in the Field – Evan Murray, Tommy Rohall, Danny Rohall, Wesley Brown

Star of Bethlehem – Nora Miller

Wise Ones – Hayes Phillips, Sarah Miller, Dylan Wilkes

Christmas Eve Ensemble: Haley Cantwell, Anna Jean Lower, Sydney Moss, Cooper Waller, Wells Waller, and Mark Gallegos (Music Director)