

A Service for Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2018  
5:00 p.m.  
Shelby Presbyterian Church

HARP and ORGAN PRELUDE

Winnie Holland Simmons, harp  
Joy Cushman, organ

WELCOME, NEWS of CHURCH FAMILY, PRAYER:

Lu ke Harkey, Pastor

Please STAND and join me in the Responsive Call to Worship Psalm 96, as printed in your bulletin and remain standing as we sing verses 1 and 3 of "*O Come all ye Faithful.*"

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96

Stockton Ware

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

**tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations,

God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**

**the world, and those who live in it.**

Let the whole creation sing for joy

at the presence of God, who is coming.

**God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!**

*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!*

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him;*

*O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;*

*sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!*

*Glory to God, all glory in the highest!*

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore Him;*

*O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The Cheaney Family

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Dylan Steeves

For anyone who has walked in darkness, a new light has dawned!

**O come, let us adore him!**

For anyone who has ever felt forgotten, a new light has dawned!

**O come, let us adore him!**

For anyone whose patience has been put to the test,  
a new light has dawned!

**O come, let us adore him!**

For anyone in search of the way, the truth, and the life,  
a new day has dawned!

**O come, let us adore him!**

UNISON PRAYER:

Margaret Schweppe

**Lord Jesus, tonight we join the angelic choir proclaiming glory to God in the highest. In a world where people seek the perfect gift to give, we rejoice because you've already given it. As you lit up the sky that first Christmas, continue to illuminate our world with your presence. We pray on this Christmas Eve that you will guide our every step, hear our every prayer, and delight in every praise as we come and worship Christ, our newborn King. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Luke Harkey

***Offering for the Cleveland County Rescue Mission and Heart to Heart Women's Shelter.***

Prayer

Mark Petrilli

Offertory: *"Beside Thy Cradle"*

Bach/Nevins

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Daniel Schweppe

Solo: *"Do You Hear What I Hear?"*

Sarah Wehmuller

READER

Emerson Taylor

READER

Lawson Taylor

The angel, Gabriel, was sent by God to visit a young woman, named Mary who lived in a little town called Nazareth. Gabriel told Mary that God had an important job for her. Mary was amazed and a bit frightened. Gabriel told her not to be afraid, the Lord is with you. God has sent him to save the world. Mary could hardly believe what she was hearing, but said that she would do whatever God wanted her to do.

READER

Charlie Schweppe

HYMN #121: *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

verse 1

***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.***

READER

Parker Dixon

Mary and Joseph started off on their long journey. There were so many people in Bethlehem to register their names that there was no place for them to stay. A kind innkeeper offered them a stable as a place to stay.

Reader

Tucker McIntyre

That night Baby Jesus was born. Mary lay the baby in a feed box called a manger. She filled it with fresh straw. Donkeys, sheep cows and other animals were in the stable with Mary and Joseph when Jesus was born. Please join in singing 'Away in a Manger' as printed in your bulletin.

HYMN #114: "Away in a Manger"

verse 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.***

READER

Emma Goforth

HYMN #118: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

verses 1 and 3

***While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around, and glory shone around.***

***To you, in David's town this day, is born of David's line  
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord,  
and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign.***

READER

Anna Schweppe

HYMN #119: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

verse 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!"***

READER

Drew Dixon

Some wise men in a faraway country saw a bright star in the east. They knew that this star meant that a new king had been born. They crossed the desert on their camels and followed the star for many miles. The star led them to Bethlehem. It stopped right over the place where Jesus lay. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Please join as we sing, "We Three Kings," as printed in the bulletin.

HYMN #151: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

verses 1 and 5

***We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!***

***Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!***

Scripture: Luke 2:39-40

Trey Goforth

Reflection

Morgan Dixon

\*HYMN #134: "Joy to the World"

verses 1 and 2

***Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.***

***Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy***

Special Recognition of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "Silent Night."

Luke Harkey

THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR

The Friendly Beasts Puppets

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: "The Friendly Beasts"

***Jesus, our brother, strong and good,  
Was humbly born in a stable rude.  
And the friendly beasts around him stood,  
Jesus, our brother, strong and good.***

PASSING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**(Parents/Adults please help light the children's candles. To avoid hot wax, keep lit candles upright and tip unlit candle to light. Extinguish your candle after the benediction.)**

\*HYMN #122: "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

***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 the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.***

***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.***

\*BENEDICTION

Luke Harkey

\*HYMN #134: "Joy to the World"

verses 3 and 4

***No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.***

***He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.***

\*POSTLUDE: Swiss Noel

Daquin

Holy Family: Greg , Emily, and Millie Melton  
Gabriel: Abby Haydon  
Star Bearer: Bly Borders  
Solo: Sarah Wehmueller  
Shepherds: Read Monroe, Tristan Ormand, Savannah Raudez, Grace Melton  
Angels: Walker Borders, Anna Grace McCullough, Lilly McCullough, Alex McIntyre, Kate McIntyre  
Wise Men: Madison McIntyre, Madison Ormond, Presley Ware  
Readers: Drew Dixon, Morgan Dixon, Parker Dixon, Emma Goforth, Trey Goforth, Tucker McIntyre, Anna Schweppe, Charlie Schweppe, Dylan Steeves Emerson Taylor, Lawson Taylor, Stockton Ware  
Prayers: Margaret Schweppe. Mark Petrilli, Daniel Schweppe

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\*Those who are able may stand.  
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**Sound Board Operator:** Greg McIntyre  
**Deacon Ushers:** Spencer Borders, Brett Niblack,  
Jennifer Ormand, Joe Petrilli, Heidi Steeves

**If you placed a poinsettia(s)** in the church, we thank you. You may pick it/them up following this service. Extra listings of poinsettias are available in the narthex.

**UPCOMING SERVICES AT SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Tonight at 11:00:**

Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service

**Sunday, December 30:**

11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary

***A BLESSED AND JOYFUL CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!***