



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Shelby Presbyterian Church
December 24, 2018
Christmas Eve – 11:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Winnie Holland Simmons, Harp

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Luke Harkey, Pastor

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 9:1-2, 6 Cheryl and Steve Sisk
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
**those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.**
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
**and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*HYMN #133: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
***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.***

***Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all
glory given; Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! 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!***

RESPONSIVE LITANY

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!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Jenny and Darrell Harder

UNISON PRAYER Cheryl and Steve Sisk
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.

RESPONSE IN SONG: "Christ Be Our Light" Chorus
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. We remember that Christ came to save us from sin. Forgive us we humbly pray. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord in whose name we pray. (Silent prayers may follow.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Friends, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE IN SONG #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!"

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you! (Greet one another with the Peace of Christ.)

HYMN #132: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY Luke Harkey

OFFERING FOR THE CLEVELAND COUNTY RESCUE MISSION AND HEART TO HEART WOMEN'S SHELTER.

Offertory: "Nocturne on O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Callahan
*Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #145: "What Child Is This?"

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Cheryl and Steve Sisk
Lord, open our minds and hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear and rejoice in the gospel of our Savior's birth, told in story and song this night. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 11:1-4b

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 2:1-20

MEDITATION Luke Harkey

SPECIAL MUSIC Heidi Steeves and Trip Boimest

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Invitation

* Communion Hymn #113: "Angels We Have Heard on High"
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your 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.

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Serving the Elements by Intinction

Prayer after Communion

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

(As we sing, we will light our candles -

please tilt your unlit candle toward a lit candle to light.)

**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.***

*CHARGE

*RECESSIONAL CAROL #134: *"Joy to the World!"*
(Join us as we carry the light of Christ out into the world.)

***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 world! the Savior reigns:
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.***

***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.***

*BENEDICTION

Luke Harkey

*Those who wish may stand.
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.

HAVE A BLESSED AND HOLY CHRISTMAS!

If you're able to stay, we need your help putting the cushions back in the pews. Balcony cushions are in the sound room and Sanctuary cushions are in the Narthex Parlor.