

# WORSHIP GUIDE Christmas Eve Eve Outdoor Service

### Thanks for joining us for Christmas Eve Eve!

As we gather outside tonight, please maintain 6ft from other households and keep your mask over your mouth and nose. Please also reserve the patio for those who need surer footing. Make sure you get one of the candles, as we'll be using those at the end of the service.

#### WELCOME

### LESSON 1 CAROL

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art: dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

### LESSON CAROL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

#### Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

GENESIS 3:1-15 "COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"

ISAIAH 7:10-14 "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL" O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar!
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain

# LESSON CAROL

MICAH 5:2-5A "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"

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.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

# LESSON CAROL

LUKE 1:26-45 "MARY'S SONG" by Wendell Kimbrough

# LESSON CAROL

MATTHEW 1:18-25 "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS 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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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 as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

# LESSON CAROL

LUKE 2:1-7 "WHAT CHILD IS THIS?"

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

### Refrain:

This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. Refrain

# LESSON CAROL

LUKE 2:8-20 "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

#### Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain

## LESSON CAROL

JOHN 1:1-18
"JOY TO 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 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.

#### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

#### SHARING OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

"SILENT 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!
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**

Join us on Christmas Eve at 9pm for our Online Christmas Eve service! You can find it on our Facebook page and YouTube channel!

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Join us each Sunday at 10:30am for worship! Throughout January we will be worshiping on Zoom. Each week's link will be in our weekly newsletter and worship guide, available at www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides