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WYCKOFF  
REFORMED CHURCH

Christmas Eve Travelers Service 2022



## HOSPITALITY NOTES

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If you need to use a restroom, they are available through the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary.

A quiet room is available through the left-hand door as well.

**Bold sections will be read aloud together.**

\* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit.

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# GATHERED BY GOD

*For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* -Isaiah 9:6

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND INVITATION

Sonja DelBuono

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O, Great Father in heaven, we come this day with hearts full of longing and joy to join with the angels and shepherds, and all of creation in praising you. As we approach this holy moment, we thank you for the birth of your son, Jesus, the King of Kings. We thank you especially for the new life he offers to each of us. Help us to hear the angels' good news that our hearts are renewed again in you.

### \*CAROL

#### "IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR"

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

## LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

The Del Buono Family

Today as we retell the story of the coming of our Lord Jesus in the reading of scriptural lessons and in the singing of carols, we light the candles of Joy, Faith, Love, Hope.

Come, let us journey to Bethlehem.

For scripture says that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived.

Come, let us worship this child.

For we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the only Son of God, and everyone who worships the Father loves His Son.

Come, let us bask in the light of the star.

The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Today we celebrate the great love of God for us, manifested in the greatest of gifts, the miraculous birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus' birth was foretold by the prophets and heralded by the angels. The King of Kings was born in lowly state, lying in a manger. He is The One who was with God in the beginning, sent in human form to create a new covenant with God's people, a covenant of great joy and love. Come let us adore him!

### \*CAROL

"O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL" #76 VV. 1,3-4

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!  
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!

## **PRAYER OF RENEWAL**

Robin Brickman

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem they found there was no room. We confess that, in the midst of our anxieties, we have not made room in our hearts for others. Held back by fear, prejudice or apathy, we have not made room in our homes for the stranger. We confess that, in the busyness of Christmas time, we have not made room in our lives for you. Gracious God, forgive and renew us. Use this precious time to break open our hearts, throw open the doors, open our eyes to your presence and open our arms wide to welcome and adore you.

## **PROMISE OF GRACE**

TITUS 2:11-14 (NASB)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and in a godly manner in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, eager for good deeds.

## THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING OF GIFTS

### OFFERING

*We have reintroduced the collection of the offering to our worship services! Giving our offerings is an important action that symbolizes the gift of our whole lives to Christ in gratitude for all He has given us. We give cheerfully and joyously, not out of guilt or shame. You may give your offering by placing it in the plate as you receive it from your neighbor and pass it down your row. You may also give online at [www.wyckoffreformed.org/give](http://www.wyckoffreformed.org/give), or text an amount to 201-849-1436. If you give electronically, consider placing an electronic giving card in the plate as a symbol of your gift!*

### OFFERING SOLO

“Do Not Be Afraid Mary”  
Soloist: Carly DaSilva

### \*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.

## LISTENING TO GOD

### A READING ABOUT THE PROPHETS

ISAIAH 9:2-7  
Joe Ralph

### CAROL

“COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS” #56 (TUNE #351)  
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.

## A READING ABOUT THE ANGELS

LUKE 1:26-38  
Patty Baker

### CAROL

"WHAT CHILD IS THIS" #95 V. 1

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?

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

## A READING ABOUT MARY AND JOSEPH

LUKE 2:1-7  
Joan Ralph

### CAROL

"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" #88 VV. 1-2

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.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.

## A READING ABOUT THE SHEPHERDS

LUKE 2:8-20  
Robin Brickman

\***CAROL** "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH" #82, VV. 1-2

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

## **A READING ABOUT THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

JOHN 1:1-14  
Sonja Del Buono

## **RESPONDING TO GOD**

### **\*CAROL**

"JOY TO THE WORLD" #92

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 men their 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.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Our Candles this afternoon will be lighted from the Christ Candle.  
Please remember to tip the unlit candle to meet the lit candle as you pass the light.*

## CAROL

"SILENT NIGHT" #85 VV. 1-3

*Stand for final stanza*

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.

## \*SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

NUMBERS 6:24-26

## \*POSTLUDE



# WYCKOFF

## REFORMED CHURCH

We're glad you've come to worship with us!

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

#### **9:30AM**

Childcare (age 3 and under) and Sunday school (Pre-K - 8<sup>th</sup> grade) are available during worship. Following the Sunday service, everyone is welcome for coffee and fellowship at 10:30am in Heneveld Hall.

### **YOUTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups  
Bible Studies  
Fellowship Events  
Service Opportunities  
Events for Young Families

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# CALENDAR

## Christmas Eve

12:00 PM Travelers' Service  
5:00 PM Family Service  
9:00 PM Candlelight Service

## Christmas Day

10:30 AM Christmas Service

## December 26

Office Closed

## December 30

Office Closed

## New Year's Day

9:30 AM New Year's Day Service

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