

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

139 North Fourth Street  
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

*Merry  
Christmas*



**FAMILY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE – DECEMBER 24, 2011**

**6:30 PM**

*The People of God Gather For Worship*

Thought for Meditation: *“For the Christ child who comes is the master of all; no palace too great, no cottage too small.”*

- Phillips Brooks

A Prelude of Christmas Music

*...All May Stand...*

Processional Hymn: *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

#148

**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; (Refrain)**

Refrain

**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; (Refrain)**

**Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? (Refrain)**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (Refrain)**

Welcome

Solemn Declaration

Call To Worship:

*Pastor:* Break forth into singing, all God's people.  
Hear the good tidings of salvation and peace!

**People: God has done marvelous things among us.  
Let us make a joyful noise together.**

*Pastor:* There is a new song in the air.  
The whole universe responds to the child in our midst.

**People: The winds lift up the songs of angels.  
Flames of fire proclaim the spirit's presence.**

*Pastor:* A light shines amid our gloom.  
The Word comes to make a difference in our lives.

**People: As children of God, we bear witness to the light.  
As followers of Christ, we proclaim the wonder of rebirth.**

Invocation

*...Please Be Seated...*

Lighting of the Christ Candle: The Drabick Family

Solo: *“What Child Is This”* Rachel Knappenberger

*We Hear God's Word*

Collect

First Lesson: St. Luke 1:26-38 (The angel Gabriel visits Mary)

Jr. Choir *“When I See The King”*

Hill

A Time To Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children

Sunday School Singers *“Ten Little Angels”*

Second Lesson: St. Luke 2:1-7 (The Birth of Jesus)

Troy Heck *“Silent Night”*

Third Lesson St. Luke 2:8-20 (The angels song and the shepherds response)

Hymn: "Away in a Manger" #147 (People with gifts for the Sixth Street Shelter in Allentown, will now come to the front of the Sanctuary).

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

Fourth Lesson: St. Matthew 2:1-8 (The quest of the wise men)

Trio Selection

Fifth Lesson: St. Matthew 2:9-12 (The star leads to Bethlehem)

Hymn: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Stanza 1 #167

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ in born.  
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.**

Homily: "All Ye Faithful, O Come"

Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

Litany for Christmas:

*Pastor:* The Word was made flesh,

**People:** Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Pastor:* And dwelt among us,

**People:** Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Pastor:* Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal:

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord!

*Pastor:* Jesus, King of glory, Son of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary:

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord!

*Pastor:* Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Lord:

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord!

*Pastor:* Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord!

*Pastor:* Jesus, Friend of all, Protector of the poor, Treasure of the faithful:

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord!

*Pastor:* Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom, our Way, our Truth, and our Life:

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord!

*Pastor:* Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all saints:

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord!

*Pastor:* Christ is born! Give him glory!

**People:** Amen.

### *A Time to Give our Gifts to the Christ Child*

Invitation

Offertory: Trio Selection

*...All May Stand...*

Offertory Response: "As with Gladness"

#173

**As they offered gifts most rare at the manger plain and bare,**

**So may we with Holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,**

**All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.**

Prayer of Dedication and Commitment

*...Please Be Seated...*

Sixth Lesson: St. John 1:1-5, 9-12 (The Word became flesh)

The Service of Light (*Tilt or tip unlighted candles only.*)

(Congregational Carols)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Stanzas 1 & 3

#144

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!**

**Above thy deep and dream-less 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 joys of highest heaven.**

**No ear may hear Christ coming, but in this world of sin,**

**Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.**

*“It Came Upon The Midnight Clear”*

Stanzas 1 & 4

#153

**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 all, from heaven’s all gracious King.  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,  
When with the ever circling years shall come the time fore-told;  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.**

*...All May Stand...*

*“Silent Night, Holy Night”*

#145

**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!**

The Christmas Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (Extinguish candles following 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.  
And 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.**

Benediction

Recessional Hymn: *“Joy to the World”*

#143

**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 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.**

**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: *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

arr. DeCou

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sanctuary. Thank you.**

*The staff of St. John’s United Church of Christ:  
Pastor Paul, Pastor Curt, Patrice, Colleen, Pat, Cheryl, and Kayli  
wish everyone a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year!*

**Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ!** Welcome to this Christmas Eve service of rejoicing. We are heartened by your presence. May joy fill your heart! May you truly have a holy and happy Christmas!

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You may pick up your **poinsettia plant** after the 11:00 PM service this evening or during the week between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM. The church will be closed Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Nursery** is located across the hall from the Family Room at the rear of the Sanctuary. It is not staffed tonight, but the room is open and available for parents supervising their own children.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated during the services on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 8 and 10:30 AM.

## ***THIS EVENING'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS***

*Worship Participants*

**6:30 PM**

*Acolytes:* Olivia DeLong, Emily Hartranft  
*Greeters:* Jennifer Hartranft, Ben and Carolyn Powell  
*Ushers:* Larry Delhagen, Matthew Beck, John Hill, Abigail Lyons, Scott Stenroos, Randy Weidner, Rachel Wentz, John Zayaitz  
*Sound System:* Don Keck



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- Charles Wesley

A Prelude of Christmas Music

*...All May Stand...*

Processional Hymn: *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

#148

**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;  
(Refrain)**

**Refrain**

**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;  
(Refrain)**

**Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
We would embrace thee, with love and awe,  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?  
(Refrain)**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
(Refrain)**

Welcome

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

*Pastor:* Enter God's holy courts rejoicing and singing.  
The goodness and loving kindness of God have appeared.

**People: Good news of great joy has come to all people.  
To us is born this day a Savior, Christ the sovereign.**

*Pastor:* We are a holy people, redeemed by God.  
We are a sought-after community, called into service.

**People: God reigns in our midst, in justice and righteousness.  
God is lighting the way for us to learn and give care.**

*Pastor:* We are heirs of hope, justified by God's grace.  
Eternal life has become a living reality here and now.

**People: Glory to God in the highest; all glory to God's name.  
May God be pleased with us and grant us peace!**

Invocation

*...Please Be Seated...*

Lighting of the Christ Candle: Jim and Linda Gardner Family

***We Hear God's Word***

Collect

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 (The Prophecy)

Bell Choir: *“A Spiritual Christmas”*

arr. Stephenson

Second Lesson St. Luke 1:26-38 (The angel Gabriel visits Mary)

Hymn: *“What Child Is This”* Stanzas 1 & 3 #162

**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)**

**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.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him,  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. (Refrain)**

Third Lesson: St. Luke 2:1-7 (The birth of Jesus)

Senior Choir Anthem: *“Hurry to Bethlehem”* Larson

Fourth Lesson: St. Luke 2:8-20 (The angels song and shepherds response)

Hymn: *“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”* Stanzas 1, 2 & 6 #154

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,  
The messenger of God came down,  
And glory shone around, and glory shone around.**

**“Fear not,” the angel said – for dread had seized their troubled mind,  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To all of humankind, to all of humankind.**

**“All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace;  
Good-will hence-forth from heaven to earth begin and never cease.  
Begin and never cease.”**

Fifth Lesson (Word Became flesh) John 1:1-5, 9-12

Sermon: **“Christmas Lights”** Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

The Christmas Prayer

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.  
And 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.**

*Presenting Our Gifts To The Christ Child*

Invitation:

Offertory: Senior Choir *“Mary Did You Know”* arr. Fettke  
*...All May Stand...*

Offertory Response: *“As with Gladness”* #173

**As they offered gifts most rare at the manger plain and bare,  
So may we with Holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.**

Prayer of Dedication and Commitment

*...Please Be Seated...*

The Service of the Light (*Tilt or tip unlighted candles only.*)

Hymn: *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* Stanzas 1 & 3 #155

**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!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Christ, who comes in lowly birth.  
Come, adore on bended knee Jesus, joy of heaven and earth.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Hymn: *“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”* Stanzas 1 & 4 #153

**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 all, from heaven’s all gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,  
When with the ever circling years shall come the time fore-told;  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.**

*...All May Stand...*

Hymn: *Silent Night, Holy Night*

#145

**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,  
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**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
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**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!  
(Congregation will extinguish candles.)**

Senior Choir: *"Hallelujah Chorus"*

Handel

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
The Kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,  
and of His Christ, and of His Christ;  
And He shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, King of King and Lord of Lords,  
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of Kings, for ever and ever  
And Lord of Lords, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**And He shall reign for ever and ever,  
King of Kings! And Lord of Lords!  
King of Kings! And Lord of Lords!  
And He shall reign for ever and ever,  
King of Kings! And Lord of Lords!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hal - le - lu - jah!**

Benediction

Recessional Hymn: *"Joy to the World"*

#143

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The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
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Postlude: *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

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Jonathan Keck, Darren Labenberg, Drew Labenberg,  
Phil Rhode  
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**Christmas Day**

**10:30 AM**

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Thought for Meditation: *“I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”*

- Luke 2:10-11

Prelude: *“The Christmas Chimes”* Lani Smith  
*“Pastorale on a French Carol”* Gordon Young  
*“He Shall Feed His Flock”* from *“The Messiah”* G.F. Handel

*...All May Stand...*

Opening Hymn: *“Joy to the World”* #143  
*...Please Be Seated...*

Welcome  
*...All May Stand...*

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

*Pastor:* Wonder of wonders, God has come to us!  
**People:** **Not as a judge, but a Savior, not in power, but as a servant.**

*Pastor:* Wonder of wonders, God comes to us!  
**People:** **Not in silence, but in the Word made flesh; not in the shadows, but bringing Light.**

*Pastor:* Wonder of wonders!  
**People:** **God is with us!**

Act of Confession:

*Pastor:* Let us confess our sins.

**All:** **Loving and merciful God, our heavenly Father, we confess to you and to each other our lack of love for one another. Forgive us for the times we have failed to see the needs of those around us, and the times when we have failed to recognize our own capacity to be of service. Let your love be born again in our hearts; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness:

*Pastor:* God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. – *John 3:16* Hear then Christ’s word of grace to us: Your sins are forgiven.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response: *“Gloria Patri”*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**  
*...Please Be Seated...*

Hymn: *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* #150

***The People of God Share the Word of God***

The Holy Scripture:

First Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10 Page 596

Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-14 Page 862

*If you would like to follow the readings, the Bibles are under the hymnal rack.*

Sermon: "What To Give To One Who Has Everything"  
Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

Litany for Christmas:

*Pastor:* Blessed are you, O Christ, our God;  
**People:** **you were before time began, and came to the world to save us.**

*Pastor:* Blessed are you, Sun of righteousness;  
**People:** **you shine with the Father's love, and illuminate the whole universe.**

*Pastor:* Blessed are you, Son of Mary;  
**People:** **born a child you shared our humanity.**

*Pastor:* Blessed are you, son of David;  
**People:** **born to rule, you received gifts from the wise men.**

*Pastor:* Blessed are you, Son of Man;  
**People:** **baptized by John, you saved us from ourselves.**

*Pastor:* Blessed are you, heavenly King;  
**People:** **teaching and preaching, healing and comforting, you proclaimed the kingdom.**

*Pastor:* With all the voices of heaven we celebrate the coming of our Savior.  
**People:** **Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

*Pastor:* With all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at your Birth.  
**People:** **Praise and glory to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Pastor:* Let us pray as Christ has taught us: **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. And 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, for ever. Amen.**

## *Sharing our Tithes and Offerings*

Offering Invitation

The Offering

The Offertory: "*Birthday of a King*" W.H. Neidlfinger  
Ron Mosemann, Soloist  
...*All May Stand...*

The Offertory Response: "*Doxology*" #46  
**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 and Commitment

"*The First Noel*" (Verses 1, 2 & 5) #151

Order of Communion for Christmas

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

*(All are invited to come forward to receive the Bread and the Cup. If you cannot come forward, the Pastor and an Elder will come to you.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
**All:** **Great God of power, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came to save us from our sins. We thank you for the hope of the prophets, for the songs of the angels, and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We thank you that in Jesus you became flesh and dwelt among us, sharing human hurts and pleasures. Glory to you for your grace-filled love. Glory to you, eternal God;**

**through Jesus Christ, Lord of lords,  
and King of kings,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

*“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”* #149

### ***The People of God Go Forth In Mission***

Commission

Benediction

Closing Hymn: *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* #148

Silent Moment

Postlude: *“Break Forth into Joy”* from *“The Christmas Oratorio”*  
J.S. Bach

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#### **Welcome**

Merry Christmas! What a joy to be together in the presence of the newborn Savior. Welcome to the manger to worship our King.

***Thank you to our organist this Christmas morning, George Baver.  
Thank you to our soloist, Ron Mosemann.***

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## ***TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS***

**10:30 AM**

*Ushers:* Marty Beers, Dave Davis, Bill Knappenberger,  
Jackie Knappenberger  
*Sound System:* Richard Miller  
*Tape Ministry:* Harold Huber  
*Hospitality:* Carl and Nancy Wieder

### ***ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR***

#### **Sunday, December 25**

**Merry Christmas!**

10:30 am Worship

#### **Monday, December 26**

**Church Office Closed**

#### **Tuesday, December 27**

9:00 am Quilts for Kids

#### **Sunday, January 1**

10:30 am Worship