



Circleville Church of N. Huntingdon, PA
A Global Methodist Church
Christmas Eve

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Christmas Eve Service 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Prelude... “*Ancient of Days, Newborn Tonight*” by Parker
“*The Joy of Christmas*” by Smith

Mary Jane Clark, Organist

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Gloria A. Jun

Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship (Luke 2)

Leader: Behold! Our God, earth’s maker, appears anew.

People: Let all the earth declare God’s marvelous works.

Leader: A Word arrives from skies and fields, a message for a world beset by conflict,
Fire, flood and storm.

People: The heavens are glad! The earth rejoices! The seas roar! The trees sing!

Leader: This is good news, heralding the coming reign of peace for all creation.

People: Sing a new song of God’s glory and strength, of lives made new! Let us worship God.

*Opening Prayer (In Unison):

This bright night is for mystery, O God. We scarcely understand the ways you break into this world and into our lives. Yet we know you do. The whole world still needs your peace amid conflict, injustice, and ongoing crises. May the ancient story of your arrival this night make us courageous bearers of good news and doers of good deeds. For the sake of your beautiful, created world we pray. Amen.

*Lighting of the Advent Candles and the Christ Candle

Nancy Goodish

Tonight, we light all the candles as we celebrate the birth of Christ. The candles of hope, peace, love and joy all remind us that Christ is our light and the source of eternal hope, everlasting peace, boundless love, and endless joy. The Christ candle reminds us that God’s perfect gift was sent to us that we might have life abundant and everlasting. Joy to the world, and peace on earth. Let us worship Christ, the newborn King.

*Hymn #245 (Hymnal)

“*The First Noel*”

THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS:

Readers: John Simpson, Russell Verbanec, Rick Frischolz, Scott Goodish, Nancy Goodish

The Promise of the Coming of Messiah – Isaiah 11:1-10

Carol #216 “*Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*”

His Coming is Announced to Mary and Joseph – Luke 1:26-27

Carol #215 “*To a Maid Engaged to Joseph*”

The Birth of Jesus – Luke 2:1-7

Anthem: “*Christ is Born*” – *The Women’s Ensemble*

Solo: “*Like a Child*” Nancy Goodish

The Shepherds Visitation of the Savior of the World – Luke 2:8-16

Carol #218 – “*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*”

The Wise Men Find the King of the Jews – Matthew 2:1-11

Carol #254 “*We Three Kings*”

The Christmas Offering

Solo... “*O Holy Night*” – Soloist Pastor Jun accompanied by Tyrone Zerbe

The Doxology

The Christmas Prayer

Meditation... “*The Love Being Revealed Thru Christ*”

Pastor Gloria A. Jun

Lights will be dimmed.

SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHTING

*Hymn #239 vs. 1 & 4 – “*Silent Night*”

1. **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.**
4. **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!**

Christmas Proclamation

*Christmas Celebration #246

“*Joy to the World*”

1. **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.**

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

*The Benediction

*The Postlude... *"Ring the Joyous Bells"* by Smith

*(*Please stand, if able)*

The Promise of the Coming Messiah – Isaiah 11:1-10 (NIV)

Then One will come from the family of Jesse. A branch will grow out of his roots. 2 And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of wise words and strength, the spirit of much learning and the fear of the Lord. 3 He will be glad in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what His eyes see, or decide by what His ears hear. 4 But He will judge the poor in a right and good way. He will be fair in what He decides for the people of the earth who have much trouble. He will punish the earth with His powerful mouth, and kill the sinful with the breath of His lips. 5 He will wear a belt of what is right and good and faithful around His body.

6 The wolf will live with the lamb. The leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the young lion and the young fat animal will lie down together. And a little boy will lead them. 7 The cow and the bear will eat side by side. And their young will lie down together. The lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra. And another child will put his hand in the hole of a snake whose bite is poison. 9 They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain. For the earth will be as full of much learning from the Lord as the seas are full of water.

The People of Israel and Judah Return

10 In that day the nations will turn to the One from the family of Jesse. He will be honored by the people as someone special to see. And His place of rest will be full of His shining-greatness.

His Coming is Announced to Mary and Joseph – Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called[a] the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail."

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

The Birth of Jesus – Luke 2:1-7 (NIV)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

The Shepherds Visitation of the Savior of the World – Luke 2:8-16 (NKJV)

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

The Wise Men Find the King of the Jews – Matthew 2:1-11 (NKJV)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi[a] from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

6 “‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’[b]”

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.