

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Prelude Rose Anne Glover

Welcome
Invocation and The Lord's Prayer Pastor John Bethard

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle Sharon and Doyle Criswell

*Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 133 (vs. 1,3,4)

Prayer of Confession
God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. We pursue worldly passions and revere false idols. We cherish our possessions and spurn your good gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to embrace your incarnation and to live as your people, following your holy way and rejoicing in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer
Assurance of Pardon

Response "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" No. 132 (vs. 1)
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Reading Matthew 1:18-26
Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 121

Reading Luke 2:1-15
Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 119

Special Music "On This Day Angels Sing" Greg Gilpin
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Glory Singers

Children's Moment Carol "Away in a Manger" Garth Stevens-Jennings No. 115

Special Music "What Child Is This?" arr. Derek K. Hakes
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Geneva Ringers

Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Pastor John
Message

Musical Offering "Away In a Manger" arr. Michael Ware
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Rose Ann Glover and Penny Liston

Presentation of Christmas Offering
*Sung Response and Prayer of Thanksgiving
"Angels We Have Heard of High"
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Special Music "O Come, All You Unfaithful" Bob Kauflin and Lisa Glow
(© 2020 Sovereign Grace Praise; This arr. © 2021 Sovereign Grace Praise)
Glory Singers; John Bethard, guitar

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord be with you;
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Distribution of the Elements
*Sharing the Light of Christ
(Non-flammable candles are available for those uncomfortable with or unable to use lighted candles)

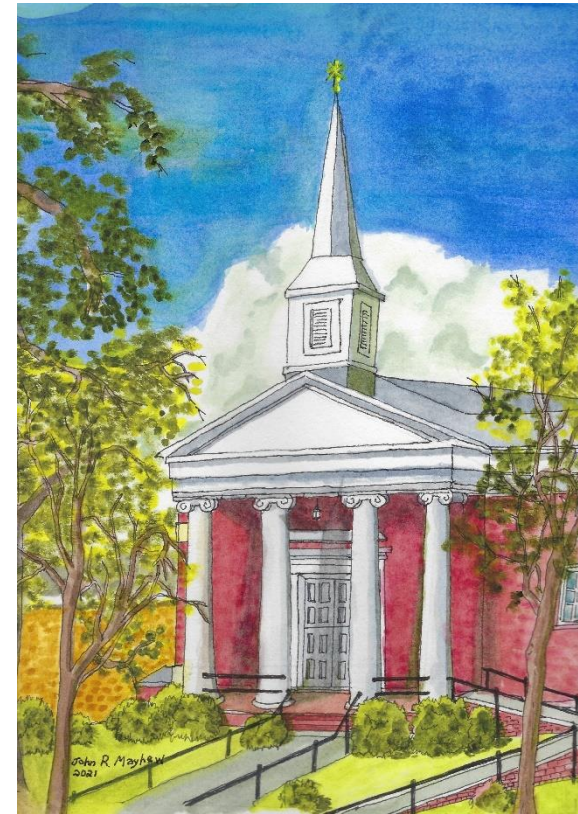
*Carol "Silent Night, Holy Night!" No. 122
*Carol "Joy to the World" No. 134
Bell Peal for Joy to the World Penny Liston

*Blessing and Sending
Postlude
(Please extinguish candles and place them in the box in the narthex.)
*The congregation is invited to stand.

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Participating in Service

John Bethard, Pastor
Garth Stevens-Jennings, Director of Family Ministries
Penny Liston, Music Director
Rose Ann Glover, Co-Accompanist



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