

Christmas Eve Worship
at Peace Church
Music 7pm Worship 7:30pm

Gold Hymnal

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: What do you see, for the Child is born!

People: *We witness a piece of Heaven on Earth, and wonder how God loves us so much.*

Leader: What do you feel, for the Child is born!

People: *Hope where there has been none, the promise of love without end.*

Leader: What will you do, for the Child is born!

People: *We will worship and welcome the Child, marveling at the Gift that came to be!*

***HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High".....no. 192**

***CALL TO PRAYER**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Welcome, Prince of Peace! Welcome, Child of Grace!

On this night of nights, we come in song and prayer to celebrate your coming, to bask in your light.

(Christ Candle lit)

To the God who sent you in love, we give thanks and praise, today and every day. Blessed be the name Jesus, Child of Love. Amen

***PRAISE RESPONSE "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" no. 192**

A CHRISTMAS STORY FOR CHILDREN

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Mary Did You Know"*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2: 1-20 pg. 832

***HYMN "What Child Is This".....no. 180**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2: 1-12 pg. 783

SOLO *"O Holy Night"* Sheree Wolf

MESSAGE

HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing".....no.184

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

***HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem".....no. 178**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM *"Sing Noel"*

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD:

BLESSING & SHARING THE 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, 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.

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN "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 World, 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.

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 *"Joy To the World"*

(Those who are able please *- stand)

May everyone have a joyous, blessed and Merry Christmas!

Thank you to all the congregation members who purchased Christmas Poinsettias. The church sanctuary looks beautiful throughout the Advent and Christmas Season. We invite all who purchased poinsettias to pick them up after worship this evening.

We offer a special thank you to the musicians and vocalists who contributed their gifts and talents for this evening's service. Your sharing of gifts is what makes this service so special and meaningful! Thank You!

Special Music

Little Drummer Boy
Ave Maria/Silent Night
Gesu Bambino
Silent Night
Carol Medley
Mary's Boy Child
Carol Medley

Bell Choir
Lois Haldeman and Phyllis Sands
Phyllis Sands
Bell Choir
Taylor Patterson
Heidi McDonough
Cindy Anthony



**Peace United
Church of Christ**



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