



Worship Resources for Christmas Eve/Christmas Day 2022

Welcome to Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Worship! We invite you to have worship near your tree, and if you have an Advent wreath, light the Christ candle as part of the service, and light other candles with your family as you sing "Silent Night."

Merry Christmas! Pastor Betsy and the congregation of Peace UCC

Welcome

Opening Song "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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;
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, 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.

Gathering Prayer

Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!
We celebrate a blessed birth,
a glorious bridge between heaven and earth
in a tiny child.
God, you have come to us to share our lives,
to know us and be known by us.
May we welcome you in the Child of Bethlehem,
always bearing witness to the light that he brings.
Gloria in Excelsis Deo! Amen

Good News: Hear the Story of Christmas

Luke 2: 1-20

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prayer: *God of the prophets, you sent your Son to a stable in Bethlehem, where angel song sent faithful shepherds to greet Him. May the Light of Love burn brightly in us and through us this Christmas and always. Amen*

Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels, we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o’er the plains;
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

Glo.....ria
In Excelsis Deo,
Glo.....ria
In Excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, The newborn King.

Glo.....ria
In Excelsis Deo,
Glo.....ria
In Excelsis Deo.

Good News: Hear the Story of Christmas

Matthew 2: 1-12

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Song “The First Noel”

Then let us all, with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel!

Christmas Candle Lighting

Song “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.

Benediction

Song “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.

