



Worship Resources for Christmas Eve, 2021

Welcome to Christmas Eve 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 candles with your family as you sing "Silent Night."

Merry Christmas! Pastor Betsy and 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

***We stand amazed on this night,
awash in your presence, God,
happy and ever blessed!
A sweet little child is born,
your gift of new life for us all!
His name is Jesus; we have come to adore him,
to sing with the angel chorus of his birth. q
He is worthy of our praise; you are worthy of our praise.
May we make room for Jesus in
our hearts and lives, joining
with all through the ages who
have sought and served him.
Thanks be to you, God, for your love has reached us!
Amen***

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prayer: *God of hope, faith, joy and love, tonight we welcome the Light and to share the Light. Help us in this celebration to honor the Gift we have been given. In the name of the Light, Jesus, we pray. 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.

