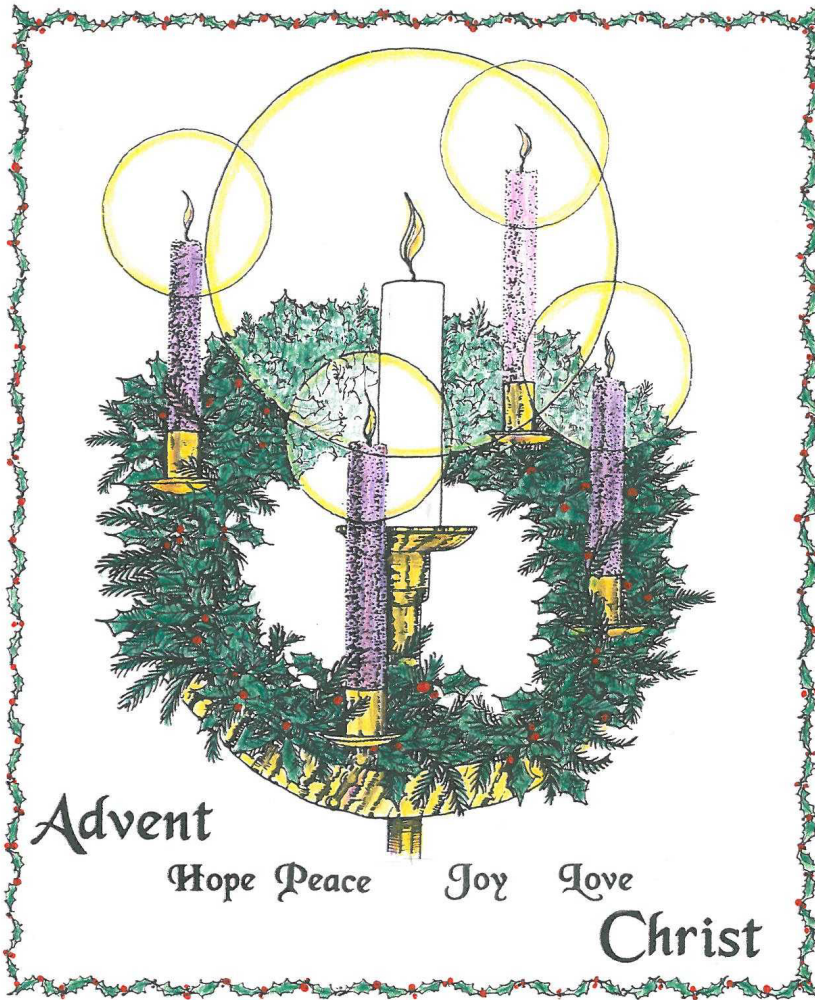


TUCKAHOE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE 2024

7:30 PM



*Called by God to be the heart, voice, hands and feet
of Christ where the Spirit leads us.*

A CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S BIRTH

CHRISTMAS EVE 2024

7:30 P.M.

"" Indicates please stand if you are able.*

***Bolded** text is spoken in unison*

ORGAN PRELUDE BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM

"Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come" (McDonald)

"This Child of Light" (Scott)

"Shepherds and Angels" (Larson)

English Carols

"The Holly and the Ivy" (Sharp)

"Wassail Song" (Stainer)

"Masters in this Hall" (Chartres)

"I Saw Three Ships" (Stainer)

German Carols

"O How Joyfully" (Falk)

"Kling, Glockchen" (Enslin)

"While by My Sheep" (Gesangbuch)

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (Gesangbuch)

Spanish Carols

"A La Nanita Nana" (Gomis)

"A La Media Noche" (Puerto Rican)

"Song of the Wise Men" (Rameriz)

"Shepherds in Bethlehem" (Tres)

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (arr. Armstrong)

"Away in a Manger" (arr. Huisman)

"Were You There on that Christmas Night" (Sleeth)

"One Small Child" (Toolan)

"Noelle" (Malotte)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

CHORAL INTROIT

"Prepare"

Stewart & Page

Becky Groves, Michelle Tuck, Eric Johnson, and Jeb Cooke; Quartet

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Harold Cothern

One: In those days, in the beginning, Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem. He was to be registered, and she was expecting a child. The time came for Mary to give birth, so she delivered her child, wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger.

All: And the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to all." Let us worship God- let us sing songs of praise!

***CAROL**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 133

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Loving Christ, when the shepherds heard that you were born, they dropped their things and ran. They believed that your love existed for them. We wish that we were more like that. Instead, somewhere between the angels' song and the manger, we tend to lose our way. We doubt that love could know our names.

All: Remind us that your love is personal and specific. Remind us that the good news of this day is for us. With hope, we sing, and we pray, Amen.
(Silent Prayer)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA REFRAIN**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

ANTHEM

"Mary Did You Know?"

Gilpin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace—we are leaning forward. We always long for you, but on this day, on this holy Christmas Eve, we long for you to feel as close as possible.

All: As we prepare to hear this ancient story once again, we ask that you awaken something new in us. Awaken in us your love, which is bigger than the sky, and as close as our very breath. We are listening. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

BIRTH IN BETHLEHEM Luke 2:1-7 Page 58

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

***CAROL** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 121

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHEPHERDS Luke 2:8-20 Page 58

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

REFLECTIVE MUSIC "O Holy Night" Adam

Jessie Cooke, Soloist

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe that on a night like this one, a baby was born and placed in a manger. We believe that baby was God's love in the flesh, who grew up to love the outcast and change the world. We believe that Jesus' love was so big and so personal that the world will never be the same. So, despite the mystery, we believe that a star shone, that the shepherds ran, that the angels sang, and that love was born. Glory to God in the highest heaven. We believe.

GATHERING OUR GIFTS | PASSING THE PLATES

OFFERTORY "Trumpet Carols" arr. Moore

***DOXOLOGY** *(to the tune of The First Nowell, No. 147)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We pray we are good stewards of these resources. Guide us as we usher in this new year, being mindful of you in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Come forward to receive the Sacrament and then partake of the elements when seated. Please signal an usher if you would like the elements brought to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We sing a new song to you, Lord.
Through this bread and wine, we receive your joy.
All of creation praises you, joining with glad voices
to share the good news.
We give thanks for the Word you first sang,
Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Robinson Family

One: From the darkness of Creation, God brought forth Light!
All: The Light flooded over the waters of creation, sparkling, dancing!
One: From the cries of the people, God offered the lights of Hope.
All: Those lights beckoned people to God's presence.
One: In the most unlikely of places,
to the most unlikely of people,
God's light was born in a child.
**All: The true light, which enlightens everyone,
is coming into our world.**

SHARING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**All: A candle burns, the sign of Immanuel. God among us, born as one
of us. May we live in the light of your presence, the Light who
gives life to all people. Amen.**

*CAROL "Silent Night, Holy Night!" *lyrics on back page*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Noel" Dacquín

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper, *Pastor*;
Michelle Tuck, *Director of Music*; Sarah Cothorn, *Organist/Accompanist*;
Craig and Matthew Moore, *Brass*; Harold Cothorn, *Liturgist*;
Jack Groves, *Acolyte*; Ben Barksdale, *Livestream and Sound Operator*

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.

2 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."

3 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.

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.

Please place your candles in the baskets as you are leaving.

*Merry Christmas! We pray you experience Christ's
LOVE and PEACE this Christmas Season.*

TPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad you are here this evening! If you are visiting, please take a moment to fill out a visitor card in the pew back and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher so we can thank you for joining us today. We worship on Sundays @ 10:30AM both online and in-person. If you would like to learn more about our church, please ask someone with a purple ribbon hanging from their nametag, explore our website, www.tuckahoepres.org, or contact the church office @ office@tuckahoepres.org.

We welcome you to have your infants and children sit with you for this special service. Nursery services are not provided this evening. There are children's bulletins and crayons on the table in the hallway. Parents, if you need to leave with a child during the service, we invite you to utilize *The Commons*, where there is seating, children's toys, and the service is livestreamed. An usher can guide you if needed.

Today you have the opportunity to contribute to the *Christmas Joy Special Offering*, a special offering of our denomination. 50% of the offering is for students in Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color; the other 50% assists current and retired church workers and their families. Give generously so all may be fulfilled. **We are passing the offering plates for the general and special offering this evening.**

Get Connected - see our Flyer in the Resource Center and the Foyer for ways to get connected with others with similar interests, or to plug in to a Small Group here at Tuckahoe. There is something for everyone!

We are grateful for your faithful contributions throughout 2024! Thank you to all who have dedicated your time, talents, and financial support to Tuckahoe. *As of November 30th, we continue to face a shortfall between income and expenses for the year, and we ask that you prayerfully consider fulfilling your pledge to Tuckahoe. Even if you did not make a pledge, your tax-deductible contribution would be greatly appreciated before December 31st.* Did you know you can make direct gifts of stock or designate your IRA withdrawals to be sent directly to Tuckahoe? If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary McGee, our Financial Administrator, at mmcgee@tuckahoepres.org. Electronic payments must be received by December 31st, and mailed contributions must be postmarked by December 31st. If you have not yet made a pledge for 2025, there is still time to do so. It is through the support of Tuckahoe members and friends that we can expand our reach and meet the needs of our members and their families. Thank you once again, and Merry Christmas!

The Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's. Staff will be working from home on Thursday, January 2. Church staff will be checking mail, e-mail, and voicemail periodically. In the case of an emergency, please call the pastoral Emergency Line at 804-282-2860 x.9 which will ring to Keli's cell phone.

Please join us in Duntreath Hall this Sunday, December 29, at 10:30 am for a casual worship service where we will sing Christmas Carols in lieu of a Sermon. On fifth Sundays, we invite an opportunity to worship in a different way- and often in a different location! This service will *not* be live-streamed. If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to watch one of our previous services on our YouTube channel.

Welcome to Tuckahoe!

We are glad you are visiting us! Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor Card in the pew and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

We would love for you to consider continuing to worship with us and encourage you to check out our website to see all that Tuckahoe has to offer.

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Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm

(Please note - we are closed for the Holidays through Jan. 2)

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