

TUCKAHOE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING MUSIC & CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

PRELUDE

“Ding Dong Merrily on High”

16th Century French

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Good news! Great joy!

All: Jesus Christ is born!

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All: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*CAROL

“Joy to the World” vs. 1 & 4

No. 134

**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.**

**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.**

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you!

THE PAGEANT

Narrators: Courtney Fabian, Ava Gatewood, Mollie Meadows, Amber Park, Colin Park

Angels: Lucie Chervenak, Frances Cooke, Annie Cooper, Ethan Creasman, McKenna Creasman, Emma Pearl Gatewood, Sage Gatewood, Jack Groves, Graham Johnson, Wyatt Sherman, Jack Wroniewicz, Natalie Wroniewicz

Archangels: Liz Creasman, Chris Gatewood, Claire Robinson

Shepherds: Jeb Cooke, Marcus Cooper, Barbara Luckett, Alex Miller, Rachel Sherman

Lambs: Rowan Cooke, Mac Cooper, Margot Johnson, Oliver Miller, Emory Sherman

Mary: Mary Chris Araujo **Baby Jesus:** Adilia Araujo **Joseph:** Eric Johnson

Christmas Star: Clive Kerns

Volunteers: Harper Gatewood, Becky Groves, Craig Kerns

LESSON	Isaiah 9:6	<i>Isaiah Prophesizes the Birth of Jesus</i>
LESSON	Luke 2:1-7	<i>Mary, Joseph, and the Birth of Jesus</i>
CAROL	"Away in a Manger" vs. 1 & 2	No. 115
	Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.	
	The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.	
LESSON	Luke 2:8-14	<i>The Angels Appear to the Shepherds</i>
*CAROL	"Angels We Have Heard on High" vs. 1	No. 113
	Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!	
LESSON	Luke 2:15-20	<i>The Shepherds Go to the Manger</i>
CAROL	"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1	No. 121
	O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in the dark street shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.	
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Little Grey Donkey" <i>The Children's Choir</i>	Knowles
LESSON	Luke 2:17-20	<i>The Shepherds Share the News</i>

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.**

***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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

THE 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.**

GATHERING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

*This morning we are passing plates and collecting the Special Christmas Joy Offering in
addition to our regular offering. Information can be found in your bulletin.*

***DOXOLOGY**

(to the tune of The First Nowell)

**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.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Smith and Sherman 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!”

**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.**

**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.**

**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.”**

**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.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

*POSTLUDE

“Fum, Fum, Fum”

arr. Parker

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

Liturgy adapted from Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper, *Pastor*; Jillian Gatewood, *Director of Christian Formation*;
Michelle Tuck, *Director of Music*; Sarah Cothorn, *Organist/Accompanist*;
Boyd Robinson, *Livestream and Sound Operator*

Thank you for joining us this Christmas Eve morning.

If you are visiting with us, we hope our service has inspired you.
We worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30am and would love for you to consider
joining us! We encourage you to fill out a Visitor Card (*either hand it to an Usher or place
in the offering plate*) and check out our website to see all that Tuckahoe has to offer.



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***Please note the Church Office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's.
Staff will be working from home on Thursday, January 2.**