

## CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN

\*Carol "Silent Night" [see below]

*(As we sing "Silent Night" together, we will light our candles and process outside to the front of the church where we will close in prayer and then extinguish our candles.)*

### \*Charge and Benediction

#### SILENT NIGHT

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| 1. Silent night, holy night!<br>All is calm, all is bright,<br>Round yon virgin mother<br>and child!<br>Holy infant, so tender and mild,<br>Sleep in heavenly peace,<br>Sleep in heavenly peace.   | 2. Silent night, holy night!<br>Shepherds quake at the sight,<br>Glories stream from heaven afar,<br>Heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia;<br>Christ the Savior is born,<br>Christ the Savior is born." |
| 3. Silent night, holy night!<br>Son of God, love's pure light.<br>Radiant beams from Thy holy face,<br>With the dawn of redeeming grace,<br>Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,<br>Jesus, Lord at Thy birth. | 4. Silent night, holy night!<br>Wondrous star, lend thy light;<br>With the angels let us sing,<br>Alleluia to our King;<br>Christ the Savior is born,<br>Christ the Savior is born.               |

\*indicates to stand if you are able

**Pianist** – Tamara Saakyan

**Flute** – Debbie Vaughan

#### String Ensemble

Violins: Olga Archdekin & Katharine Wentink

Viola: Catherine Matovich

Cello: Hyeyoung Choi

**Horn** – Jay Hull

#### Lesson Readers

Lesson I: Todd Rhoden

Lesson IV: Kathy Croughan

Lesson II: Steve & Caroline Marsh

Lesson V: Peter Hull

Lesson III: Alex Manger

Lesson VI: Janet Goodman

**Bulletin Cover Art** – "The Star & The Manger" by Patty Bender

## Covenant Presbyterian Church of Reno, NV



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024

# Christmas Eve Worship Service

## December 24, 2024 – 9:00 p.m.

*When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. – Matthew 2:10-11*

### ALL IS CALM. ALL IS BRIGHT

**Prelude** “Christmas Medley” String Ensemble

**Choral Introit** “Strange Way to Save the World”– Clark/Harris/Koch

**Words of Welcome & Prayer of Invocation** Jay Hull, Pastor

**Candle Lighting for Christmas Eve** The Dueñas Family

**Leader:** The Prophecy Candle, The Bethlehem Candle, The Angels’ Candle and The Shepherds’ Candle: These are the names given to the candles we have lit so far during the season of Advent. They encircle the central candle, they have helped draw our attention to it, for the white candle is the most special of all: It is the Christ Candle. And this candle points us to Jesus, the central figure of Christmas and the central figure in all human history.

**People:** *A lowly infant sleeps in a cattle stall. The holy infant is greeted by the song of angels. Let us rejoice in freedom. Let us resolve to bring this one thing, if nothing else, with us into the future: Praise for the One born in Bethlehem. Christ the babe is Lord of all!*

**Leader:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 1:1, 12-14)

**People:** *Born for you and me, He is the Word Incarnate, God in human flesh. Christ the babe was born for us. Christ the babe is Lord of all.*

**\*Carol** “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” #216

### ROUND YON VIRGIN, MOTHER & CHILD

**Lesson I** The Prophecy: *To us a son is given!* Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**Anthem** Covenant Choir, Barbara Landis - soloist  
“Noel” – Redman/Tomlin/Cash

**Lesson IIa** The Birth Foretold: *You will be with child* Luke 1:26-38

**Lesson IIb** The Birth Foretold: *Name Him Jesus* Matthew 1:18-25

**\*Carol** “Joy to the World” #195

### HOLY INFANT, SO TENDER & MILD

**Lesson III** Birth of Jesus: *There was no room for them in the inn*  
Luke 2:1-7

**Anthem** Covenant Choir  
“Candlelight Christmas Canon” – MacDonald

**Lesson IV** The Shepherds & the Angels: *I bring you good news!*  
Luke 2:8-20

**\*Carol** “While by the Sheep We Watched at Night” #215

### GLORIES STREAM FROM HEAVEN AFAR

**Lesson V** The Wise Men: *They bowed down & worshipped Him...*  
Matthew 2:1-12

**Message:** *The Star of the Show* Pastor Jay Hull  
(*Strange Way to Save the World* #5)

**Lesson VI** The Word Became Flesh: *We have seen His glory.*  
John 1:1-14

**Anthem** “The Inn at the End of the World” – Chesterton/Sorenson

### HEAV’NLY HOSTS SING “ALLELUIA!”

**\*Candle Lighting**  
(*Please light your candles at the exit doors and proceed outside.*)