



*Christmas Eve*  
*5:00 p.m.*

*First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton*

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**  
*The Nativity of the Lord -- 5:00 p.m.*  
**WE GATHER IN THE DARKNESS**

**Chimes**

**Voluntary**

"Wake From Your Sleep"

*Dan Schutte  
Ada Rovatti  
Jane Hastay*

**Welcome**

**GOD PROMISES LIGHT**

**Lighting the Christ Candle** -- *Christ's birth and Kingdom are foretold by the prophet Isaiah.*

Response: Hymn 9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verse 1)

*Veni Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel;  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

**\* Call to Worship**

**Pastor:** Let us go, just as we are, to see what has happened. Let us go with the shepherds;

**People:** Let us go and find the One of whom the angels sang.

**Pastor:** Let us go with those who are wise:

**People:** Let us go and find the One who brings God's truth to us.

**Pastor:** Let us go with the poor in spirit, and in flesh; let us go with those who are humbled by life.

**People:** Let us find the Glory of God born in a stable, and placed in a feeding trough.

**Pastor:** Let us go with our friends and family, let us go with our neighbors and with strangers, let us go with all the children of God.

**People:** Let us go to find the One who comes to lead us home to God's kingdom.

**Pastor:** O come, let us go to the Babe of Bethlehem!

**People:** O come, let us adore him! Christ our Lord!

**\* Processional Hymn 41**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Adeste Fideles*

**\* Opening Prayer**

**\* The Lord's Prayer (traditional)**

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.

*\*indicates: those who are able, please stand*

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 1:26-33 -- *The coming birth of Jesus is announced to Mary*

\* Hymn 44

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vss 1-3)

St. Louis

**THE TRUE LIGHT IS BORN AMONG US**

\* **Gospel Reading:** Luke 2:1-7 -- *Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

Duet

"Were You There On That Christmas Night?"

Susanne Nicoletti  
Reilly Schombs

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 2:8-16 -- *The shepherds go to the manger.*

\* Hymn 53

"What Child Is This"

Greensleeves

Meditation

\* Carol Medley (1st verses)

*Hymn 38 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all-gracious King":  
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.

*Hymn 23 "Angels We Have Heard on High"*

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.

*Hymn 56 "The First Nowell"*

The first Nowell the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

*Hymn 31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

**THE LIGHT IS REFLECTED**

**Offertory Invitation**

Offertory

"Carol Of The Bells"

Jane Hastay  
Ada Rovatti

**\* As Offerings are Brought to the Lord – Hymn 56 "The First Nowell"**

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Lighting of the Candles** *(Please tip unlit candle to receive the flame from the lighted candle.)*

**Gospel Lesson:** John 1:1-5, 9-14 -- *The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.*

**Quartet**

"Noel Nouvelet"

arr. By M. McGlynn

**Hymn 60**

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

*Stille Nacht*

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.

**The Candles are Extinguished**

### **WE CARRY THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

**Closing Prayer**

**\* Hymn 40**

"Joy to the World!"

*Antioch*

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

*Spiritual*

**Participating:** the Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Music Director; The Bock Family, wreath lighting; Aleaze Hodgens, lay reader; Suzanne Nicoletti, Reilly Schombs, vocalists; Peter Weiss, bass; Aleaze Hodgens, Jeans Hodgens, Alice Wood and Sherry Wolfe, ushers.

**Flowers** are given in memory of Harriet and John Boettger, "remembering Christmas's past! – with love, from your daughter."

**Poinsettias** today are offered to the glory of God and are in memory or honor of those notated on the insert to this bulletin.

*Poinsettias gracing our chancel for the Christmas Eve worship services are given to the Glory of God and...*

*In loving memory of **George Anderson**, given by Shirley Anderson & his family.*

*In memory of **Donald Bruckmann**, given by Polly Bruckmann.*

*In memory of his grandfather, **Jay Collins**, given by David Cataletto.*

*In loving memory of **Dr. & Mrs. Oliver Moore**, given by David & Leslie Clarke.*

*In loving memory of **Janice Brightwell & Lawrence Clarke**, given by David & Leslie Clarke.*

*In memory of **Kathryn Gaynor**, given by Peter, Rachel, Nicholas & Henry Cooper.*

*In memory of **Carrie & Pat D'Andrea & Betty & Leslie Wilson**, given by Barbara & Dennis D'Andrea.*

*In memory of **Grace Diamond**, given by Marjorie & John Diamond.*

*In memory of **Louis, Marion & Elbert Edwards**, given by Harriet, Heddie & Pember Edwards.*

*In memory of **Elbert T. Edwards**, given by Heddie & Pember Edwards.*

*In memory of **Joan Anderson Stone**, given by her husband, children, grand & great-grand children.*

*In memory of my parents, **Herbert & Elsie Garretson**, given by Jane Kiembock.*

*In loving memory of **Larry Miller**, given by Linda Miller.*

*In loving memory of **Fred & Phyllis Lester**, given by Linda Miller.*

*In memory of **loved ones**, given by James & Susan Nicoletti.*



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*In memory of loved ones, given by Rob & Sue Nicoletti.*

*In memory of my parents, John & Edith Talmadge, given by Harriet Peele.*

*In memory of Walter A. Preische, Jr., given by Carolyn Preische.*

*In memory of Dr. & Mrs. Walter A. Preische, given by Carolyn Preische.*

*In memory of Rev. & Mrs. David G. Davies, given by Carolyn Preische.*

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. James A. Harkness, given by Stew & Gay Quarty.*

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Norman F. Quarty, given by Stew & Gay Quarty.*

*In memory of Margaret Starke & many family members, given by Ann  
Roberts.*

*In memory of Thomas T. Thoreson, given by Angel & Curt Schade.*

*In honor of Roy & Lori Dalene, given by Chuck & Arlene Simonton.*

*In memory of loved ones, given by Bruce and Mary Siska.*

*In memory of Sue Bailey Grant, given by The Grant family.*

*In memory of Jean Ferguson, maternal grandmother, given by The Lys family.*

*In memory of loved ones, given by The Symer/Rafferty family.*

*In memory of Arthur, Violet & Steve Wadzinski, given by Patricia Wadzinski.*

*In memory of Henry & Dorothy Walker, given by Joyce Walker.*

*In memory of Ralph Wolfe & loved ones, given by Sherry B. Wolfe.*

*In loving memory of Jon P. York, given by Diane York.*