

TOWSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
INCLUSIVE ~ CURIOUS ~ COMPASSIONATE ~ COURAGEOUS

Family Service | December 24, 2022 | 4:00pm

JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS BORN!



Virtual Campus

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Welcome

Merry Christmas! Welcome! Whether this is your first time at Towson Presbyterian Church or you are here regularly, we celebrate your presence on this special night.

As a growing church that values inclusion, curiosity, compassion, and courage, we are excited to now offer both an in-person and a virtual campus. The virtual campus can be found at towsonpres.org and on social @towsonpres. To learn more about TPC, we hope you'll explore towsonpres.org and the many opportunities provided for fellowship, formation, and mission.

We warmly invite you to join us for Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m., offered both in-person and virtually, and at any and all TPC ministries and events. Your presence would be a blessing then, just as it is this afternoon. Again, welcome!

Christmas Eve Reflection

Calvin Institute of Christian Worship (adapted)

Let us go, in heart and mind,
to see what has come to pass.
Let us go with the shepherds...
to find the Savior!
Let us go with the wise ones...
to find God's promise, born for us!
Let us go with the poor and humble...
to find our King, born in a lowly manger.
Let us go with all the world and with all the peoples of the nations.
Come, let us worship.
Come, let us adore him. Christ the Lord!

Prelude

Good King Wenceslas - We Three Kings arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
Chime Choir

How It Begins: Opening Rhymes

Call to Worship

Leader: Tonight's story—of wonder, and love—is your story, too!

So if you are like the wise ones, and a sign has led you here:

People: **May we not go home the same!**

Leader: If you are like the angels, and joy bubbles up in your soul:

People: **May this joy take root and grow in us!**

Leader: If you are like the shepherds, weary and overworked but faithful:

People: **May we share the wonder of what we've seen!**

Leader: Tonight's story is a story told many times, and never changing—

but each time changing us. All of you have a place in this space,
and in this wonderful story.

Hear the good news!

People: **Soon, soon love is born!**

All: **Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:
Christ the Lord!**

Hymn 133

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Adeste Fideles

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!

Refrain:

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;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Gloria to God, all glory in the highest! **(Refrain)**

Story

The Birth of Jesus Foretold
Luke 1:28-33

Hymn 113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Gloria

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria 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. (

Story

Jesus is Born!
Luke 2:6-7

Hymn 115

“Away in a Manger”

Mueller

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the 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 cradle ‘til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

Story

The Shepherds
Luke 2:10-14

Offering Our Gifts

Four Ways to Give:

- Online – [Click Here](#)
- Text "CheerfulGiver" (one word; case sensitive) to 73256
- Mail a check to TPC 400 W. Chesapeake Ave, Towson, MD 21204
- Scan this QR Code



Hymn 136

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Go Tell It

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night behold,
throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **(Refrain)**

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **(Refrain)**

Prayers of the People & 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.

Story

The Wise Ones
Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn 151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Kings of Orient

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain:

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. **(Refrain)**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Leader: By lighting the Christ Candle our Advent wreath is now complete.

**People: “For unto us a child is given,
unto us a Savior is born
and the order of the world will be upon his shoulders.”**

Leader: With the birth of Jesus, our lives are forever changed.

People: We will be transformed by his model and message.

*Leader: The light of this candle represents the light of Jesus,
present in the world and each of our lives.*

Hymn 122

“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.

****Closing Rhymes & Blessing***

***Hymn 134**

“Joy to the World”

Antioch

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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

Postlude

Toccata on "Joy to the World"

Craig Phillips

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS, 2022

*Poinsettias are available for pick-up tonight **after** the 8:00 service.*

Given by:

Phyllis Gray and Bob Bickel, in memory of Charles and Pauline Gray.

Phyllis Gray and Bob Bickel, in memory of David W. Bickel.

Phyllis Gray and Bob Bickel, in memory of Lydia Gray White.

Phyllis Gray and Bob Bickel, in memory of Susan McCluskey Gray.

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Jennifer and Mark Bolster, in honor of our TPC Pastors.

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Margie Busko and Family, in memory of Bill Busko and loved ones.

Margie Busko and Family, in loving memory of Mary Busko.

Barbara and Curt Heinfeld, in memory of loved ones.

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John S. Hutton, in memory of Lewis J. Baumann.

Patricia and David Jackson, in honor of our grandson, Augustus.

Will Jones, in memory of Naomi Tillman.

Will Jones, in memory of Estelle Jones.

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Pat Keller, in memory of Doug.

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Betty and Brian Martin, in memory of our parents John and Gloria Roberts.

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Mary Jane Obaker, in memory of Shannon Obaker.

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Karen Williams, in memory of Jaye Crooks.

Karen Williams, in memory of Bob Williams.