

**Covenant Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
Lake Jackson, Texas**

**Christmas Eve Carol Service**

6:30 p.m., December 24, 2022

Gathering Music

Video "God With Us"

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Response: "Sing We Now of Christmas"

V. 1 of No. 159

*Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!  
Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.  
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!*

\*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 173

*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;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*True God of true God, Light from Light eternal,  
lo, He shuns not the virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;  
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!  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:  
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest";  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Prayer

Scripture Luke 2:1-7

*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 th' angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold Him come,  
off-spring of the Virgin's womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th' incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.*

*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."*

#### Children's Message and Distribution of Gifts

*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 men,  
from heaven's all gracious King":  
the world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.*



*For lo, the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when, with the ever circling years,  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.*

Scripture

Luke 2-8-20

Anthem

“Celtic Christmas Lullaby” Chancel Choir

Message

“The Gift of Christ”

Rev. Dr. Alan Trafford

Christmas Prayers and 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.*

Nativity “The Christmas Story - Kid’s Perspective”

Sharing the Light of Christ

\*Carol

“Silent Night”

No. 164

*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.*

\*Prayer

\*Carol

“Joy to the World”

No. 146

*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.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.*

*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.*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

You are invited to the Concourse  
for refreshments and a photo  
booth following the service.

\* Denotes: Please stand if you are able to do so comfortably.