

CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship

December 24, 2024



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Tuesday, December 24, 2024

*The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel, which means "God with us."
Matthew 1:23*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Luke 1:68-75

Pastor: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come, and has redeemed his people!

People: **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, just as he said through his holy prophets of long ago,**

Pastor: Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

People: **To show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham:**

Pastor: To rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness, before him all our days.

*Praise Hymn

#195 - Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

*Invocation

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* *those who are able please stand*

*Please turn off all cellular devices during the worship service
and do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.*

Q. Christian, what do you believe when you confess in the Apostles Creed that Jesus Christ “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary”?

We believe that the eternal Son of God,
 who is and remains true and eternal God,
took to himself,
 through the working of the Holy Spirit,
 from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary,
a truly human nature
 so that he might also become David’s true descendant,
 like his brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.

Q. How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

He is our mediator and, in God’s sight,
 he covers—with his innocence and perfect holiness—
 my sinfulness, in which I was conceived.

Q. Why do you call Jesus Christ “our Lord”?

Because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—
 he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,
 and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own. Amen.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages
and is the most widely used and most warmly praised catechism of the Reformation period.*

*Hymn

#207 - Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7
page 559 in the pew Bible

Special Christmas Offering

PCA Ministerial Relief Fund

The PCA Ministerial Relief Fund is used to provide financial assistance to the widows and orphans of PCA ministers & missionaries and to retired pastors in need. You can give online via REALM or place cash or a check in the offering plate.

Offertory

Dr. Melanie Buckner

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-24
page 783 in the pew Bible

*Hymn

#203 - Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Homily

Immanuel: God With Us
Isaiah 7:14

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*Hymn of Celebration

Silent Night! Holy Night

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.

*Benediction

Romans 15:13

*Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Postlude

Please take home a poinsettia or two for Christmas!