

Leading Our Worship

Greeters 7:00 pm Ed & Marian Garrett

Donna Nunery

10:00 pm -----

Ushers 7:00 pm

Herb McCulloch*

Ron Dombrowski

Pat Stanfield

Geoff LeSueur

Tom Petrey

10:00 pm Beth Stewart*

Gordon Jones

Bob Kutz

Larry Koon

Scott Pugh

* Head Ushers

Communion Servers 7:00 pm

Steve Osborne

Tom & Susan Petrey

10:00 pm

Marg Kutz

Gordon Jones

Mike Kelley

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Tuesday, December 24

7:00 PM

10:00 PM



Chester United Methodist Church

December 24, 2024

A Service of Worship and Praise
7:00 & 10:00 PM

Christmas Eve

Gathering Music

Melody Stein, harp

Welcome

Prelude

Angels We Have Heard On High

Jack Price, trumpet

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: We gather tonight for a celebration like no other!

People: This is the night of the Holy Birth!

Leader: Let the love of Jesus be born in your hearts and spirits!

People: Open our hearts to receive this blessed gift, Loving God.

Leader: Rejoice, good friends, the Good News is here!

People: Christ our Savior is born! Hallelujah! Amen!

* Hymn No. 246

Joy to the World

* Opening Prayer¹

God of Surprising Love and Hope, we come this evening to the manger, gazing lovingly on the Child born to bring hope to the world. Open our hearts tonight as we hear the story anew. Help us to be guided by the Light of Jesus Christ, that we may truly feel the power of your love and bring that love, with joy, to all we meet. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Shout With the Shepherds

Chancel Choir
Craig Seal, soloist

Why We Give

Offertory

Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child

Jack Price, trumpet

Special Music

Ave Maria

Mette Shultz (7:00)

Pastoral Prayer 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

* Hymn No. 240

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

* Scripture
Message

Luke 2:1-21

Inviting the World to the Good News

KJV
Rev. Nathan Decker

Advent Wreath Lighting

The Chancel Choir sings...then

All Sing: Lord, we are waiting for peace to reign. Lord, we are listening for love's refrain. For hope, peace, and joy and love to unite in the beauty and wonder of Advent's holy light.

Leader: Tonight, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the source of our hope.

People: Let heaven and nature sing.

Leader: The Prince of Peace has come to dwell among and within us.

People: Let heaven and nature sing.

Leader: The source of our joy and our salvation is here.

People: Let heaven and nature sing.

Leader: The greatest gift of all, the gift of love, has been given.

People: Let heaven and nature sing.

All Sing: Lord, we are waiting for peace to reign. Lord, we are listening for love's refrain. For hope, peace, and joy and love to unite in the beauty and wonder of Advent's holy light.

Holy Communion

Meditation Music

Special Music

O Holy Night

Melody Stein, harp

Joshua Wortham

* Hymn No. 239

* Benediction

* Depart in Silence

Silent Night

* *Please stand as you are able.* **Bold print indicates a response in unison.**

¹<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/2127/worship-connection-christmas-eve-option-1>