



**WELCOME TO
KINGSTON
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
CHRISTMAS
EVE
CELEBRATION**

December 24, 2018 - 7:00 PM

***Welcome!** During this time of worship, it is our hope that you will feel the presence of God with you as the Word is shared through prayer, scripture, the meditation and music. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, fellowship and the mission of this church family. During your time with us, may you experience God's grace. We're so glad you're with us this evening.*

Please notify the pastor when you or a family member is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit.

IF YOU ARE A GUEST with us this evening, our greeters are available to assist you.

Nursery Care - **Lyndi Schmitt & Debora Schulz** care for children ages 6 months to 3 years in the nursery. Nursery contact is available.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

There are **Children's Bags** in the Narthex. Please collect one as you come in.

Children's Message - Children are encouraged to worship with their families, and come up front to hear a message just for them.

GATHERING IN

Prelude: *Away in a Manger*

arr. J. Kimball
Handbell Quartet

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Sharyl

APPROACHING GOD

Call to Worship

Ally Iordache

Leader: A seed in the ground.

People: A flame in the darkness.

Leader: A hand outstretched.

People: A child in the womb.

Leader: Hope starts small and overtakes us,

People: stretching the borders of what we have known.

Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* vs. 1

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Amy & David Raduzycki

Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* vs. 7

A Blessing for Christmas by Jan Richardson ~ *How the Light Comes*

WE HEAR GOD'S VOICE

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 ~ Christ's birth and kingdom foretold

***Carol:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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The Second Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38 ~ The Angel Gabriel visits Mary

Children's Time: *Be on the Lookout and Shine*

Pastor Sharyl

The Third Lesson: Matthew 1:18-21 ~ Matthew tells the birth of Jesus

Carol: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* vs. 1&2

#121

The Forth Lesson: Luke 2:1-6 ~ In Bethlehem, Mary gives birth to Jesus

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:8-14 ~ Shepherds are visited by God's messengers

***Carol:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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Praise Band

The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:15-20 ~ The shepherds visit the manger

Anthem: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Praise Band

Meditation: *Characters in the Story*

Pastor Sharyl

RESPONDING TO GOD'S VOICE

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: *Let all mortal flesh keep silent*

Gustav Holst
Choir

***Doxology:**

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Christmas Prayers

Tony Loreti

Sharing the Light of Christ - Lighting of Candles

Please place your unlit candle into the lit one. Lean into the darkness and light your candles as a reminder that the darkness never overcomes the light.

Hymn: *Silent 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.

SENDING

***Carol:** *Joy to the World* **#134**

***Benediction**

***Passing of the Peace**

(Please share the Peace of Christ with others)

Postlude: *Joy to the World* F. Ritter

Merry Christmas!!!

**We stand in body/spirit*

Sharing In Our Worship Today

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