



**WELCOME TO
KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2019
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 sermon 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 morning!*

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

DISCIPLES GATHER IN

Prelude: *O Come, Little Children* J. P. A. Schulz, arr. James D. Kimball
Handbell Quartet

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Sharyl

DISCIPLES APPROACH GOD TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Do not be afraid; for see I'm bringing you good news and great joy. **To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.** This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger. **Glory to God in the highest, and earth and peace and on earth peace!** Let us go now to Bethlehem.

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

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Lighting the Christ Candle ~ Claiming the Light! Caruso Family

The prophet Isaiah shares a word with a waiting world. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders."

"He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

"His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore."

"The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this."

As we stand faithfully on the brink of God's time, we light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Tonight we enter God's time, faithfully. We light the Christ Candle to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus, the Light coming into the world.

Hymn: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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WE HEAR GOD'S VOICE

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

Anthem: *Do You Hear What I Hear*

Calling On Him

Children's Time:

Pastor Sharyl

The Second Lesson: Matthew 1:18-21 ~ Matthew tells the birth

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

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The Third Lesson: Luke 2:1-17 ~ In Bethlehem, Mary gives birth

Carol: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* [vs. 1-2]

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The Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:8-14 ~ Shepherds are visited

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

Leader: Holy Words, Holy Wisdom. The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem: *Come Darkness, Come Light*

Calling On Him

Mary Chapin Carpenter

Meditation: *The Gift of Light*

Pastor Sharyl

RESPONDING TO GOD'S VOICE

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: *While By My Sheep* arr. Hugo Jung

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

