



**We Gather in Spirit. ~ Worship
12/24/20 ~ Christmas Eve**

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**Welcome to Worship with
Kingston Presbyterian Church**

Prelude Of the Father's Love Begotten, 13th. Century Plainsong, Mode V,
Divinum Mysterium, arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Call to Worship

One: This year, we dreamed of world peace.

All: We dreamed of deep breaths and restful sleep.

One: We dreamed of love that lasts and suffering that passes.

All: We dreamed of doors open wide and a cure to disease.

One: We dreamed, because to dream is to believe.

All: For to dream is to hope; to dream is to see.

One: So make room in your being to dream yet again,

All: Of a world without fear, and a God that draws near.

One: For it is almost Christmas.

All: Love is almost here.

One: May we dream to see, and hope to believe.

All: Let us worship Holy God.

Advent Candle Lighting ~ The Candle of Love

One: In the beginning, God dreamed of a beautiful world.

All: In Egypt, the Israelites dreamed of freedom.

One: In the wilderness, the people dreamed of safety.

All: In Jerusalem, the people dreamed of a Messiah.

One: In Bethlehem, the shepherds and Wise Men dreamed of a new beginning.

All: Then, several years later, Jesus walked this earth and dreams came true.

One: The sick were healed. The poor had food.

All: The forgotten and ignored were seen. One: The children were welcomed.

All: Everyone was invited to the table, and the world has never been the same.

One: So tonight, we are those who dream.

All: Tonight, we dream the same dreams of our ancestors before us.

One: Tonight, we dream of justice and mercy, of love and kindness, of peace and hope.

All: Tonight, we dream of a God that draws near to us out of unfailing love.

One: May this candle be a reminder that there will be a day when every dream will be fulfilled.

All: And until then, we will be those who dream.

WE HEAR GOD'S VOICE

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

Children's Time: We Dream Pastor Sharyl

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

Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful 133 [vs. 1-2]

1 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!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2 True God from true God Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; very God, begotten, not created! [Refrain]

The Third Lesson: Luke 2:1-6 ~ In Bethlehem, Mary gives birth

Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful 133 [vs. 3-4]

3 Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

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

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

Meditation: This Night We Are Those Who Dream Pastor Sharyl

RESPONDING TO GOD'S VOICE

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

***Prayer of Dedication**

Glorious God, we sing with the angels to celebrate the tremendous gift of your Son Jesus! We rejoice with gladness. You give us wonderful joy and peace in our Savior. May we exult in your goodness with the exhilaration of children opening presents. As we bring our offerings, we ask that our lives would reflect your joy and generosity. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing the Light of Christ - Lighting of Candles

If it not raining, please prepare to leave the sanctuary. We will light candles and sing Silent Night and Joy to the World socially distancing and wearing masks outside. You are invited to gather around a luminaria. We lean into the darkness as a reminder that the darkness never overcomes the light.

If it is raining, we will listen to Peyton sing and pass the light of Christ in the sanctuary. Please extinguish your candles in the sand provided at the narthex and at the top of the office stairs. Please do not blow them out.

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.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!**

SENDING

***Carol:** *Joy to the World*

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**1 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.**

**2 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.**

**3 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.**

**4 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**

***Go in Peace and
Don't Stop
Dreaming**

Postlude

Center Christ

By Lauren Wright Pittman

