WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP The Christ Child's Lullaby trad. Scottish Magdalena Lehman, recorder; Jane Johnson, Celtic harp; Bill Johnson, bowed psaltery & guitar

Please take the bread when you receive your communion cup. Please wait and take the juice after the Elder's prayer. Please let the deacon know if you would prefer a gluten-free option.

Please take the communion cup with you and recycle it after the service.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORD MADE FLESH

John 1:1-5, 14

SOLO Sweet Little Jesus Boy Doug Hutcherson, baritone Robert MacGimsey

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Candlelighters will light their candles from the Christ candle, then proceed down the aisle, lighting each row's candle. Please pass the light on to the next person. On the last verse of "Silent Night," lift your candle high so its light may spread and glow.

*CAROL

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.

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.

BENEDICTION

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister Rev. Trish Standifur, Associate Minister Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister Missy Wallace, Children's Minister Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager Frank Spragens, Music Director Cindy Abernathy, Pianist Jane Johnson, Organist Tara Monzon, PDO Director Amber Combs, Childcare Center Director

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24, 2022 7:00 & 11:00 PM

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE December 24, 2022 7:00 & 11:00 PM

Welcome to the Christmas Eve service of Crestwood Christian Church. Thank you for choosing to worship with us. You are welcome at any of our worship services and church events. Our regular Sunday morning worship services are at 8:30 and 10:45 AM, with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 AM. Please visit our website at www.crestwoodchristian.org for more information. May you and your family have a blessed Christmas and a bright new year filled with hope and peace.

PRELUDE (7:00 PM only)

In Dulci Jubilo

Franz Liszt

CALL TO WORSHIP

*CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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.....Christ the Lord.

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

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

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CAROL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. [Refrain] Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine Advent here Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go. [Refrain]

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]

THE ANNUNCIATION

Luke 1:26-38

CAROL

What Child Is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud the babe, the son of Mary

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh come, peasant, king, to own him The King of kings salvation brings let loving hearts enthrone him This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing Haste, haste to bring him laud the babe, the son of Mary

THE VISIT TO IOSEPH

Matthew 1:18-25

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Holy Night A

Adolphe Adam, arr. James Holland

Gayle Hutcherson, soprano; Doug Hutcherson, baritone

THE BIRTH

Luke 2:1-7

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth.
And praises sing to God, the King, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the joys of highest heaven. No ear may hear Christ coming, but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SOLO

Welcome to Our World

Chris Rice

Katherine Steckler, soprano; Bill Johnson, guitar

THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8-16

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high; sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply; echoing their joyous strains [Refrain] Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?; why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be; which inspire your heavenly song? [Refrain]

Come to Bethlehem and see; Christ, who comes in lowly birth. Come, adore on bended knee,; Jesus, joy of heav'n and earth. [Refrain]

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

CAROL

Joy to the World (v. 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....

^{*}Please stand as you are able