

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
December 24, 2024 • Christmas Eve

Prelude 6:30 pm

Joe Blaha

Mary's Little Boy

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

O Holy Night

Mary's Little Boy Child

Massie Patterson & Sammy Heyward

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

A. Adam

Jester Hairston

Gerald Gregory

Angels, We Have Heard on High

Away in a Manger

O Christmas Tree

E. S. Barnes

William Kirkpatrick

Ernst Anschutz

Julie Hall

Still, Still, Still

Austrian carol

Jon Wilson and Stephen Wills

What Wondrous Love

O Little Town of Bethlehem

American Folk Hymn

Lewis Redner

Julie Hall and Stephen Wills

Silent Night

Joseph Mohr

The six nativity sets pictured in the worship bulletin are—along with three others—displayed around our church building. They are from the collection of Emma Jean Woodard. Please enjoy!

Welcome

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7 (NT, p. 58)

Song

One Small Child
(Women's Ensemble)

arr. Larson

***Lighting the Christ Candle**

The congregation responds in bold.

Redemption's quest is complete! Jesus is born! The world is about to change!

In this completion, we find that our quest begins again: the quest now falls to us. Will we bow before this One of whom the angels sang "Glory to God"? Will we leave behind things important to us that we might look upon our Savior?

We light this candle to remind us of the faith we profess: Jesus has come! The manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven, even as you call us to follow you.

Through Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

***Carols**

Hark! the herald angels sing (vs. 1 and 3)

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Angels, we have heard on high (vs. 1-3)

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Redemption's Quest: Discover

Scripture Luke 2:8-20 (NT, p. 58)

Song *The First Noel* English carol
(Gerald Gregory, piano)

A story for Christmas Eve

Confession of Faith *For the Sake of Our Brother* Paul O'Neill
(Colleen and Robert Smith)

Communion

Redemption's Quest Continues

Scripture John 1:10-14 (NT, p. 91)

***Candlelighting** *Silent Night* words on screen (# 193)

***Benediction**
*Please stand as you are able.



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