

Merry Christmas and Love



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# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MORRISTOWN

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December 24, 2019 – 4 p.m.

*The Nativity of the Lord*

## Gathering in God's Name

### Prelude

Master's in This Hall

Jason W. Krug

The Tower Ringers

### \* Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Patrick Allred

One: Mary and Joseph are in the stable, the hay is in the manger.  
Children of God, rejoice!

**Many: Our Savior is born!**

One: The shepherds are in the field, the angels are singing.  
Children of God, be glad!

**Many: Our Savior is born!**

One: The star is in the sky, the wise men are on a journey.  
Children of God, shout praises!

**Many: Our Savior is born!**

One: Let us celebrate Jesus' birth and worship God together.

### \* Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

*Adeste Fideles*

**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!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
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!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

## Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Hearing of the Word

### The Story

Luke 2: 1-7

Mary and Joseph

### Anthem

Ding Dong Merrily on High

W. Lawrence Curry

The Bel Melodia and Bel Canto Choirs

### The Story

Luke 2: 8-14

Angels

### Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Gloria*

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

### The Story

Luke 2: 15-20

Animals

### Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Go Tell It*

Refrain: **Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Refrain**

**The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain**

**The Story**

Matthew 2:1-2, 8-11

Kings, Gifts and Star

**Anthem**

I Saw Three Ships  
The Bel Canto and Bel Melodia Choirs

Craig Curry

**The Story**

John 1: 1-5

**Symbolic Act**

Alexandra Mead

**Cloth for the Cradle**

Elizabeth Bruen, soloist

**Refrain: Cloth for the cradle, cradle for the child,  
The child for your every joy and sorrow;  
Find him a shawl that's woven by us all  
To welcome the Lord of each tomorrow.**

Darkness and light and all that's known by sight silence and echo fading,  
weave into one a welcome for the Son, set earth its own maker serenading. **R**

Hungry and poor, the sick and the unsure, wealthy whose needs are stranger,  
weave into one a welcome for the Son, leave excess and want beneath the manger. **R**

Claimant and queen, wage earners in between, trader and traveling preacher, weave  
into one a welcome for the Son, whose word brings new life to every creature. **R**

Wrinkled or fair, carefree or full of care, searchers of all the ages, weave into one  
a welcome for the Son, the Savior of shepherds and of sages. **R**

## **Response to the Word**

**Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Anthem**

Emmanuel, Expected Jesus

The Tower Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

## **Sending into the World**

**Spreading of the Light**

(Please remain seated for the spreading of the Light)

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! 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 the 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

\* Benediction Hymn

Joy to the World

*Antioch*

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.

Joy to the world! the savior reigns; let us our songs employ;  
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
 Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

One: Let the people raise their voices together to proclaim to all

Many: **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

# Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik  
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education  
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music  
Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro, Director of Children's Music  
Patrick Allred, Director of Youth & Young Adults  
The Bel Melodia, Bel Canto, and Tower Choirs

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## Announcements

**WE WELCOME YOU** to this service of worship at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown. Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, it is our hope that tonight you will consider this your church home. May the joy, hope and peace of Christ be with you in this season and always.

If you would like more information about the church, its ministries and missions, children's music and Sunday School programs, Inquirer's classes, please call the church office, (973) 538-1776, or visit our website at [www.pcmorristown.org](http://www.pcmorristown.org)

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**RESTROOMS:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left front door.)

# Christmas Services of Worship

## **Tuesday, December 24**

7 p.m. - Traditional Christmas Eve Service with Chancel Ringers and Chancel Choir

11 p.m. - Ringing in of Christmas with Ringers on the Green and Chancel Choir

## **Sunday, December 30**

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

## Children's Programs

### **Midweek on Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m. in the Parish House**

Grades K-5 meet for Bible stories, arts and crafts, recreation, handbells, and choir.

### **Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish House**

Age 2 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade meet on Sunday mornings for Christian education, music, and snack.



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