

DECEMBER 24, 2021

**RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE**

5:00 PM

THE PRELUDE

THE GREETING OF THE GATHERED: *The Blessings of Christ be with you.*

ALL: And also with you.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

---Isaiah 9: 2

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

HYMNAL #44

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, our Father, the signs of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection surround us.

On this Holy Night we celebrate His birth

and the sacrament He instituted for our remembrance of Him,

which also points us to the time when He will come again in glory.

Forgive us our sins that destroy the signs of Christ's love in our lives and in His Church.

Renew in us the joy of Your salvation that we may now gladly glorify our Savior

and share the light of His love to help others see the light and the love

that has come in Christ for our good and His glory.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

---Titus 2: 11-14

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2: 1-14 (NT p.58)

THE MEDITATION: "Joy to the World"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION HYMN

HYMNAL #60

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

As the carol begins, Reverend Hill will light the Ushers' candles from the Christ Candle of the Advent Wreath and the ushers will then light the congregation's candles. As the fourth verse begins, the pastor will lead the congregation's candlelight procession to the narthex beginning with those in the front.

Verse #4

"Silent night, holy night,

Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from Thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

We respectfully request

For all to keep silence in our exit of the church;

Honoring, as our hymn expresses, this holy night of our Savior's birth.

**All who are able, please stand.*

“In Him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The Light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness did not overcome it.”
John 1: 4-5

We wish you all Hope, Peace, Joy & Love,

Merry Christmas from your RPC family.



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