

VAN WYCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
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PRELUDE Janesta Williams

WELCOME Rev. Carson Montgomery

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Joe and Jill Waters

\*HYMN NO. 133 O Come All Ye Faithful

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Carson Montgomery

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Loving Christ, When the shepherds heard that you were born, they dropped their things and ran. They trusted the angels' invitation. They believed that your love existed for them. We wish that we were more like that. Instead, somewhere between the angels' song and the manger, we tend to lose our way. We doubt ourselves. We doubt the invitation. We doubt that love could know our names. Remind us that your love is personal and specific. Remind us that the good news of this day is for us. With hope we sing, we pray, and we run. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Carson Montgomery

Leader: Family of faith, the angels are singing: unto you a child is born. It is a love that is personal. It is a love that knows your name. So hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: You are seen. You are claimed. You are forgiven. You are loved.

**All: Glory to God in the highest heaven! Glory to God here and now. Alleluia! Amen.**

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Carson Montgomery

Luke 1: 26-38 An Angel Appears to Mary Julie Graham  
***It Came Upon a Midnight Clear***

***It came upon a midnight clear / that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth / to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men / from heaven's all-gracious  
King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay / to hear the angels sing.***

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Luke 2: 1-7 Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem Teri Currie  
***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 the dark street shineth the everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight***

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Luke 2: 8-16 Angels Announce the Messiah Dennis Williford  
***Away in a Manger***

***Away in a manger / No crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus / Laid down His sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky / Looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus / Asleep on the hay***

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Luke 2: 17-20 The Shepherds Glorify God Mona Baker

***Go Tell It on the Mountain***

***Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born. [Refrain]***

***While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light [Refrain]***

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Matthew 2: 1-7      The Star in the East      Caroline Robinson  
One Star      Edie Hawkins

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Matt 2: 8-12      The Magi Worship the Christ Child      Linda Pelletier

***We Three Kings of Orient Are***

***We three kings of orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
Ooo, star of wonder, star of night, str with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.***

A Christmas Prayer and the Lord's Prayer      Rev. Carson Montgomery

**. . 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; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Silent Night and The Service of Candle Lighting      (Insert)

A Christmas offering may be left in the offering plate upon leaving the sanctuary. Online giving is available [vwpc.org/giving/](http://vwpc.org/giving/)

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Carson Montgomery

***Silent Night (Candlelight)***

***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.***

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**A Special Thank You to Our Nativity Cast:**

Angel	Edie Hawkins
Mary	Sarah Graham
Joseph	Cody Campbell
Shepherds	Rowan Strohmeyer, Winston Hawkins
Magi	Renleigh Strohmeyer, Vivi Campbell, Reb Strohmeyer

*Worship with us at 11:00am Sundays*

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