

**Prelude**

7:30

Regifted

Susan Miller, Suzi Souder, David Walters, Kevin Walters, Kadya Walters

11:00

*Prelude in C Major*  
*Il est Né (He is Born)*  
*In Dulci Jubilo (In Sweet Rejoicing)*  
 Susan Miller, Flute

J.S. Bach, BWV 547  
 arr. Overton/Galway  
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**Christmas Greetings**

Kathryn Z. Johnston

**\*Carol #133***O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

**\*Opening Prayer**

Mark A. Allio

**\*Carol of Response #145, v. 1***What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

*Lighting the Candle of Hope*

One: "Creator God, tell me of another world," I said. "A world where grief sets its prisoners free and heartbroken hearts find relief. Tell me of the end of war. Tell me of a church whose walls become windows."

**All: Then God said, "Child, my child. You are my world. You are my heart, and you are my Church. What you speak of is hope."**

**Carol #147, vv. 1-2***The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Alyssa Gebhardt (7:30)  
 Hannah Fleager (11:00)

**Carol #121***O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

*Lighting the Candle of Peace*

One: "God," I whispered. "What if peace isn't possible? Then what?"

**All: God said, "In the beginning, I knit you together. I wove strands of peace into your heart, so that you might know and grow love. Peace is part of who you are."**

**Carol #88, vv. 1&7***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

**Second Lesson**

Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a; 6-9

Ashley Rogers (7:30)  
 Bob Bell (11:00)

**Carol #123***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

CAROL

*Lighting the Candle of Love*

One: "What does love look like?" I asked.

**All: God said, "Listen for my lullaby. I am there. I am always in the hallways of your heart. That is love. I just can't leave you alone."**

**Anthem (7:30)***O Wondrous Night*

J. Martin

Chancel Choir; John Shaddock, Solo; Susan Miller, Flute; Alyssa Rufo, Percussion

**Carol #144 (11:00)***In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

**Third Lesson**

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Sydney Gray (7:30)  
 Amy Zullo (11:00)

**Carol #114***Away in a Manger*

CRADLE SONG

*Lighting the Candle of Joy*

One: "God," I asked, "What brings you joy?"

**All: God leaned back and laughed the most musical, heart-filled, soul-reaching laugh I'd ever heard, and that's when I remembered. Joy is contagious, and it is a gift. And then I started singing:**

**\*Carol #113***Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

**Fourth Lesson**

Luke 2:8-16

Christian Rufo (7:30)  
 Will Johnston (11:00)

**Anthem***A Celtic Noel*

J. Martin

Chancel Choir; Susan Miller, Flute; Alyssa Rufo, Percussion

*Lighting the Christ Candle*

One: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

**All: He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.**

One: He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

**All: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

**Fifth Lesson**

John 1:1-5

Kathryn Z. Johnston

**Christmas Eve Meditation***A Light for the Night*

Kathryn Z. Johnston

**\*Carol #119***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

**Offering**

<b>Offertory</b>		
7:30	<i>Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine &amp; What Shall I Give to the Child</i>	arr. ReGifted
11:00	<i>Pastoral</i>	D. Shack
<b>*Carol of Response #145, v. 3</b>	<i>What Child Is This</i>	GREENSLEEVES
<b>*Service of Candle Lighting</b>	<i>Please hold the lit candle upright, tipping only the unlit candle.</i>	
<b>*Carol #122, vv. 1-3</b>	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night!</i>	STILLE NACHT
	<i>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.</i>	
	<i>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."</i>	
	<i>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.</i>	
<b>*Christmas Prayer &amp; The Lord's Prayer</b>		(debts/debtors)
<b>*Extinguish Candles</b>		
<b>*Carol #134</b>	<i>Joy to the World</i>	ANTIOCH
<b>*Charge &amp; Benediction</b>		
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>In Dulci Jubilo (In Sweet Rejoicing)</i>	J. S. Bach, BWV 729
	The Traditional ending to a Lessons and Carols Service	

Pastors	Kathryn Z. Johnston, Mark A. Allio	
Director of Music	Mark McKeever	
Instrumentalists	David Walters, Kevin Walters	
Advent Wreath	(7:30) the Kleinert family, the Moll family, the Gorski family, the Neimer family (11:00) Cathay Snyder, Sue Karakantas, the Rulapaugh family, the Singiser family	
Acolytes	(7:30) Sarah Moll, Scott Rogers, Tyler Rogers (11:00) Mike & Laura Martin	
Greeters	(7:30) Judy Alex, Dan Alex, Grace House (11:00) Wendy Cheesman, Jan Whitcomb	
Ushers	(7:30) Ken Kleinert, Chuck Schaal (11:00) Rick Whitcomb, Sue Karakantas, Andy Singiser, Ran Singiser	
Nursery (7:30 only)	Marcia Roush, Danielle Martin	

You are invited to worship Christmas Day at 11am, and December 31<sup>st</sup> at 11am.  
On January 7<sup>th</sup> we will return to 8:15 & 11am worship services, Sunday School at 9:35am.

Please leave your candles and holders in the baskets at the doors.

A sincere thank you to all who remembered the church staff with Christmas cards, gifts, and treats!  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church  
Christmas Eve 2017  
Lessons & Carols 7:30 & 11:00pm