

The recipient for our Christmas Eve offering is **NETWorks Cooperative Ministries**. NETWorks offers a food pantry, grocery alliance (co-op), financial assistance and a clothing closet to our neighbors in the Northlake, Embury Hills, and Tucker area. This offering is going to support their move to their new facility on Cowan Road in Tucker.

Please join us in **Worship tomorrow**, Sunday, December 25th, on our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@sapctucker>

Epiphany Join us for our celebration of Epiphany in worship on Sunday, January 1st at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary and online on our YouTube channel.

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December 24th 2022

5:00 PM



Welcome

We are glad that you are worshipping with us this Christmas Eve. No matter where you have been or where you are going, you are welcome here. If you seek communion with God and with neighbor, you will find it in this house. We invite you to participate with our congregation in worship, study, and service, as we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus. Please join us on the journey of faith.

Candle Lighting: During Silent Night, ushers will bring the flame from the Christ Candle to worshippers in the pews. Lit candles should always be held upright; allow the person seated beside you to light his/her candle, passing the light down the row. Please extinguish candles following the benediction, and place them in the boxes at the doors when you leave.

Order of Worship

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold** and singing the words printed under the carols.

† When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit, as able.

PRELUDE

Silent Night
Darya Tabatabaee - pianist

Franz Grüber
Arr. Faber

WORDS OF WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Hope is:

Trusting that there is light, even in the dark.

Peace is:

The wolf lying down with the lamb.

Joy is:

Contagious sounds of Alleluia.

Love is:

Unquenchable, never-ending, born in a manger, here today.

Christmas is:

A love song to the world; the light that shines in the darkness.

Let us make a joyful noise! Let us worship God.

†HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTES FEDELIS

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!

Refrain: O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him,

Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Very God, begotten, not created! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

†HYMN 134

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 earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains;
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

*Wishing you a truly blessed Christmas, and
God's joy and peace in the new year.*

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:6-8, 19-23

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38

HYMN 145

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-7

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND
PRESENTATION OF THE CRISMONS FOR 2022

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-16

HYMN 115

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for his 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.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN 151

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain*

OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Offertory Response

HOPSON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore

Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*We will share the light of Christ as we sing Silent Night.
Please tip an UNLIT candle towards a LIT one to spread the light
throughout the sanctuary.*

HYMN 122

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

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!"