



# CHRISTMAS EVE

*Lessons, Carols and the Celebration of Light*



*December 24, 2025  
9:00 pm*



# BEVERLY HEIGHTS CHURCH

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 \* 9:00 PM  
Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church \* Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, *Assistant Pastor of Education*  
Rev. Peter A. Chace, *Assistant Pastor of Next Generation Ministries*  
Elissa Winkler, *Director of Music in Worship*  
Jinna Park, *Accompanist and Organist*

## WE GATHER FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Prelude	Christmas Carol Selections	Various
Introit	<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i> , I. Vivace Chad Winkler, <i>trumpet</i> ; Jinna Park, <i>organ</i>	Stanley
Pastoral Greeting and Prayer of Invocation		
Processional Carol No. 225	vv. 1, 2, 4, 5	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>

**Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall:  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see Him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;  
When like stars His children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.**

## THE PROPHECIES

Special Music

*What Child Is This?*

arr. Bonam

Cindy Egeland, *flute*; Karl Egeland, *violin*; Jinna Park, *piano*

*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.*

*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 11:1-9

Carol No. 208

vv. 1-4

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**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.**

**God of God, Light of Light;  
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb:  
Very God, begotten, not created;**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;**

Second Lesson

Luke 1:26-35

THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

Choral Anthem

*How Great Our Joy!*

Courtney

*While by the sheep we watched at night,  
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.  
How great our joy, how great our joy.*

*There shall be born, so did he say,  
In Bethlehem a Child today.  
How great our joy, how great our joy.*

*There shall a Child lie in a stall,  
This Child who shall redeem us all.  
This gift of God we'll cherish well,  
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.  
Praise we the Lord, praise we the Lord in heaven on high!  
How great our joy. How great our joy.*

Third Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Carol No. 214

vv. 1-3

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.**

*Refrain:* **Glo-ria in excelsis Deo,  
Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

THE ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS

Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

**The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

*Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

**They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.**

**And by the light of that same star, three Wise Men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.**

**This star drew nigh to the northwest; o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.**

**Then entered in those Wise Men three, fell reverently upon their knee,  
And offered there in His presence, their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.**

**Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
and with His blood mankind hath bought.**

Fifth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

Special Music

*Away in a Manger*  
Kate Jeon, *cello*; Jinna Park, *piano*

arr. Pinnell

*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.*

*The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes;  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I asks 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.*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

THE CELEBRATION OF LIGHT

Carol No. 203

vv. 1-3

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’ angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

*Refrain:* Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th’ incarnate Diety,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Refrain:* Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

*Refrain:* Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”

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 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!

Christmas Prayer

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
 Let every heart prepare Him room,  
 And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
 And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men 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

**Welcome** to Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church for this special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. We extend a warm greeting to each of you and hope your time with us will be a meaningful way for you to celebrate the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Christmas is the celebration of God taking on human form and coming to earth through the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. God's advent in Jesus was for the specific purpose of making atonement for sin through Christ's sacrificial death on the cross, offering forgiveness to all who would accept it by faith as His gift, and restoring men and women to a right and eternal relationship with their Creator and Lord.

Christmas means that real peace and hope is possible for all who find it in Jesus and place their trust in Him as Savior and Lord. This is the Gospel, the good news. This is why we celebrate Jesus' birth. His coming is God's proclamation of love for us and commitment to our eternity with Him.

It is our hope that you know the true peace and hope that Jesus came to bring. It is our hope that you know the true glory of Christmas in your heart by faith. It is our hope that this year you will enjoy an uncommon closeness to the Savior who came to earth for you and that this experience tonight will aid you in your adoration of "the newborn King."

If during this holiday season or at any time of the year you believe the staff or members of the Beverly Heights Church may be able to serve you in some way, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would consider such an opportunity a privilege and we welcome such inquiries.

# Merry Christmas to All!

Please place used candles and holders on the tables at the exits.

For those who would like to contribute to a Christmas offering, red boxes may be found at the front exits following worship tonight.

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Please join us as we gather together for worship.

Sunday, December 28  
10:00 AM    Worship Service