

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Thornhill Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2024 – 11:00 p.m.

### An Evening of Lessons, Carols & Holy Communion

The Prelude *Trumpet tune on "O come, all ye faithful"* David Lasky

\*The Processional Carol Once in royal David's city **#166**

Welcome Rev. Dr. H Vais

\*The Call to Worship

L.: For unto us a child is born;

**P.: Unto us a Son is given.**

L.: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor,

**P.: Prince of Peace, Holy One.**

L.: Let us celebrate the birth of Christ. Let us worship God!

Introit Sussex Carol arr. David Willcocks

#### Opening Prayer

**The Lighting of the Christ Candle** *(please see Christmas Eve insert)*

*Olivia Garduno and Naomi Atem*

### The Story of Christ's Birth

*(please remain seated)*

**The Prophets Foretold** Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol: "The First Nowel"

*Mia Sams*

**#136 (vv 1-2)**

**The Angel and Mary** Luke 1:26-38

Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Brett Vais*

**#165 (vs 1- 2)**

**No Room at the Inn** Luke 2:1-7

Marissa Whittle

**Choir:** Were you there?

Natalie Sleeth

**Shepherds and Angels** Luke 2:8-14

Carol: While Shepherds watched

**#138 (vv1,2,6)**

**And Mary Pondered** Luke 2:15-20

Ivana Atem

Carol: Joy to the world

**#153 (vv1-2)**

Invitation to the Table

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*The Doxology (tune: O Christmas Tree)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.

Praise God all creatures, here below, who gives to us salvation.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.

\*Prayer of Dedication

Brody and Julian Renaud

**Solo: O Holy Night**

*Meher Ghuman*

The Communion Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Silent Meditation

The Lighting of the Candles

*The minister will light her candle from the Christ Candle and the light will be shared with the congregation. Please tip your unlit candle into the lit flame presented to you.*

Carol: **Silent Night** (please remain seated – see bulletin insert)

The Benediction

The Postlude: *A merry Christmas*

*Alexander Därr*

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*\*please stand if you are able*

*Welcome* to all who are with us this evening to celebrate the birth of Christ. It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will find this Lord's house to be a place of worship and fellowship. If you are new or visiting, there is always a warm welcome awaiting you at TPC. Do return!

Please join us next Sunday, December 29 at 11:00 a.m.  
for a service of Lessons and Carols.

## Silent Night

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!

## Participating in this evening's service are members of TPC's Senior Youth Group and Senior Youth Group Alumni

Brody Renaud  
Julian Renaud  
Brett Vais  
Mia Sams  
Marissa Whittle

Ivana Atem  
Naomi Atem  
Elizabeth Vais  
Ian Sams  
Olivia Garduno

Thank you to our musicians for this evening's service.  
Meher Ghuman – Soloist  
Our TPC Church Choir

## *Worship with us in 2024*

If you found this evening's service meaningful, why  
not join us for worship every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

For information about our church,  
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