

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service  
Thornhill Presbyterian Church  
December 24, 2021 - 11:00 p.m.

An Evening of Lessons, Carols & Holy Communion

The Prelude

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

Welcome *Rev. Dr. H Vais*

\*The Call to Worship *Akash McMullen*

L.: On this holiest of nights,

**P.: we come, joining the shepherds  
who are stunned by wonder.**

L.: On this most silent night,

**P.: we come, our hopes and dreams  
joining those of Mary and Joseph.**

L.: On this night of carols and candlelight,

**P.: we come, our glad songs joining  
with the choirs of angels over us.**

**All:** On this Holy Night, let us worship Christ, the Saviour Son!

**The Lighting of the Christ Candle** *(please see Christmas Eve insert)*  
*Ivana and Naomi Atem*

**Opening Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** *Sari Pandy*

**The Story of Christ's Birth** *(please remain seated)*

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

Carol: "The First Nowel" vs 1 & 2 136

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

Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs 1 & 2 164

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

Carol: "Away in a Manger" vs 1 & 2 149

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

Carol: "Angels we have heard on high" vs 1 & 2 147

**Mary Pondered** Luke 2:15-20 *Nora Pandy*

Carol: "Joy to the World" vs 1 & 2 (all stand) 153

The Invitation to the Table

*Rev. Dr. H. Vais*

Invitation to the Offering

*Marton Pandy*

Tithes and Gifts placed in the baskets will be brought forward

Offertory

\*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

*Eva Pandy*

**Solo: O Holy Night**

*Meher Ghuman*

The Communion Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion (individually prepared Fellowship Cups)

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 Organ Postlude

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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!

## 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!

### **We welcome John Charles as guest organist tonight.**

John is on the substitute organist list of the Royal Canadian College of Organists. He has served as organist and choir director within several different denominations -- Anglican, United and Presbyterian -- in both Canada and Australia.

### **Participating in this evening's service**

are members of TPC's Senior Youth Group  
and Senior Youth Group Alumni

Naomi Atem	Ivana Atem
Meher Ghuman	Simran Ghuman
Akash McMullen	Marissa Whittle
Eva Pandy	Sari Pandy
Nora Pandy	Marton Pandy
Ian Sams	Mia Sams
Brett Vais	Elizabeth Vais
Jeremy Low – Livestream Operation	

### ***Worship with us in 2022***

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in person or livestream

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