

New Castle Presbyterian Church



AND HEAVEN AND
NATURE SING
What Child is This?

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2025

5:00 p.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Michael Larkin

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing!

We come to Bethlehem, with hope, peace, joy, and love in our hearts and praise on our lips.

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing!

Hurry to Bethlehem this day, Christ's light shines. (*Candle is lit.*)

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

*Hymn 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful - verse 1

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.

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Holy God, at an unexpected hour you sent an unlikely liberator to an undeserving world. What child is this? Christ: our savior, our king, your light for the world. Help us to keep asking questions and seeking answers in you, so that all the world would know your grace and love. Thank you for Christ, whose light shines in the darkness! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Let us proclaim the Good News together:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*Response Hymn 113 Angels We Have Heard on High – verses 1 and 2

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Glo - - -ria in excelsis Deo!
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Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ,
the Lord, the newborn King.
Glo - - -ria in excelsis Deo!
Glo - - -ria in excelsis Deo!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

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Hymn 115 Away in a Manger – verses 1 and 2

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the 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 side until morning is nigh.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:8-14

Page: NT 58

Hymn 136 Go Tell It on the Mountain – verse 1

Refrain: Go, tell it on a mountain
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! Above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.
(Refrain)

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

Page: NT 58

Hymn 145 What Child is This – verse 1

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!

Scripture Conversation *And Heaven and Nature Sing: What Child is This?*

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Giving our Gifts and Thanks – The Offering

*Hymn 155 Raise a Song of Gladness (Repeated)

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart! Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*The Celebration in Candlelight

Light from the Christ Candle will light the candle of the first person in each pew. That person will offer the light to the next. Please always dip the unlighted candle into the lighted one, as we share the light of Christ that has come into the world.

*Hymn 122 Silent Night, Holy Night! - verses 1 and 3

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.

*A Blessing

*Hymn 134 Joy to the World – verse 1

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.

Postlude

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Michael Larkin

You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.

Pastor: Rev. Miriam Foltz

Music Leader: Eileen Larkin

Usher: Ray Snyder

Worship Leader: Toni Marley

Christ Candle Lighters: The Fooks Family

**The Beautiful Christmas Display of Flowers
In the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God**



and



Earl Reed & Family	In Memory of Janet Reed In Memory of Bill & Grace Werkheiser
Tanasi Baldet	In Memory of My Mom
Chris & Rick Fagles & Family	In Memory of Our Parents, Skip & Doug Twyford
Dan & Candy Dunson	In Honor of New Castle Presbyterian Church Support of the Guatemala Project
Joan Appleby	In Memory of Bob Appleby
Pat Taylor	In Memory of Dave and Our Parents
Juliann & Rob Barry	In Memory of Loved Ones
Beverly Stoudt	In Memory of Judy Dill Gavotos
Scott & Amy Selheimer	In Memory of Mark Campbell, Shirley Knox & Our Parents
Sandy & Lindy Ballance	In Memory of Loved Ones
Lyn Briggs	In Memory of Loved Ones
Connie Reese	In Memory of Don Reese
Dan Knox	In Memory of Shirley Knox & Gene Mayhew
Carol Mayhew	In Memory of Gene Mayhew In Honor of Stacey, JW, Logan, Hart, Luke & Hunter
Mary Fontinha	In Memory of Detlev Moore
Peter & Kelly McCurdy	In Honor & Memory of our Parents and other Loved Ones In Memory of Shirley Knox, Gene Mayhew, And Rod Denison In Honor of Dan Knox, Lyn Briggs and The Foltz Family