

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



December 24, 2018 7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE "Sing We Christmas!" arr. Schram

CELEBRATION "Light One Candle" Sleeth

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 9

A LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS

Leader All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Alleluia!

PEOPLE SHOUT TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH. ALLELUIA!

Leader O Christ, splendor of God's eternal glory, the mighty Word,
sustaining the universe: renew our lives by your presence.

PEOPLE LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Leader O Christ, born into the world in the fullness of time for the
liberation of all creation: Release all into your promised freedom.

PEOPLE LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Leader O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time, born in a stable at
Bethlehem: May your church be a sign of hope and joy.

PEOPLE LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Leader O Christ, truly God and truly human, born to a people in
fulfillment of their expectations: fulfill our desires in you.

PEOPLE LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Leader O Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, child of wonder and splendor,
mighty God of all ages, Prince of Peace: May the whole world
live in peace and justice.

PEOPLE LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Silent Reflection

Leader All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into the
world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Teach us to
proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and
ever.

PEOPLE AMEN!

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9: 2b-7

SPECIAL MUSIC "Christmas Lullaby" Rutter

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S TIME *The Gospel Story told by Pat Harris*

SERMON *The Fullness of Time* Reverend Mark Gaskill

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH 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.*

*HYMN "Joy to the World" No. 40

THE OFFERING "Welcome to Our World" Rice/arr. Schrader

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION No. 592

THE SENDING OF THE LIGHT

Leader The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –

PEOPLE ON US LIGHT HAS SHINED.

*LIGHTING THE CANDLES

After the ushers light their candles from the pastor's candle, the worshipers
nearest to the aisle in each row will light their candles from the ushers' candles.
From them, the light will be shared with their neighbors. To avoid dripping
wax, please do not tilt lighted candles. Tilt only your unlit candle when lighting
it from your neighbor's candle.

*HYMN "Silent Night, Holy Night" No. 60

*BENEDICTION

Leave in Silence

(Please exit quietly carrying your lighted candle to the Narthex, where it can
be extinguished and left on the table.)

*Please stand if able.

Isaiah 9: 2b-7~

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.



Christmas Joy Offering

Tonight's offering will support the Christmas Joy Offering. The Offering is able to help provide financial assistance to individuals and families that have dedicated their lives to the church and also support racial ethnic education and leadership development for students attending Presbyterian – related schools and colleges.

Your gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering—joined with those of Presbyterians everywhere—celebrate the birth of God's Son by investing in the lives of all of these children of God.

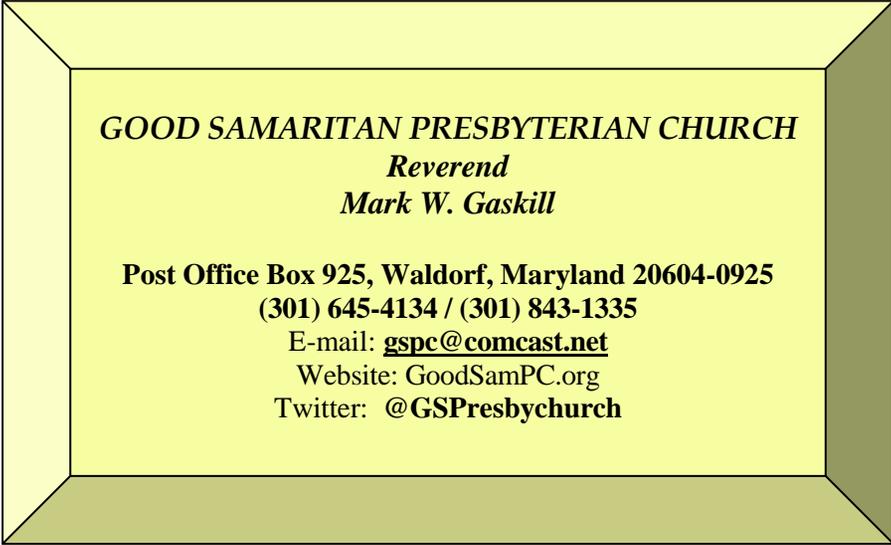
SILENT NIGHT

*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.*



GOOD SAMARITAN'S SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.