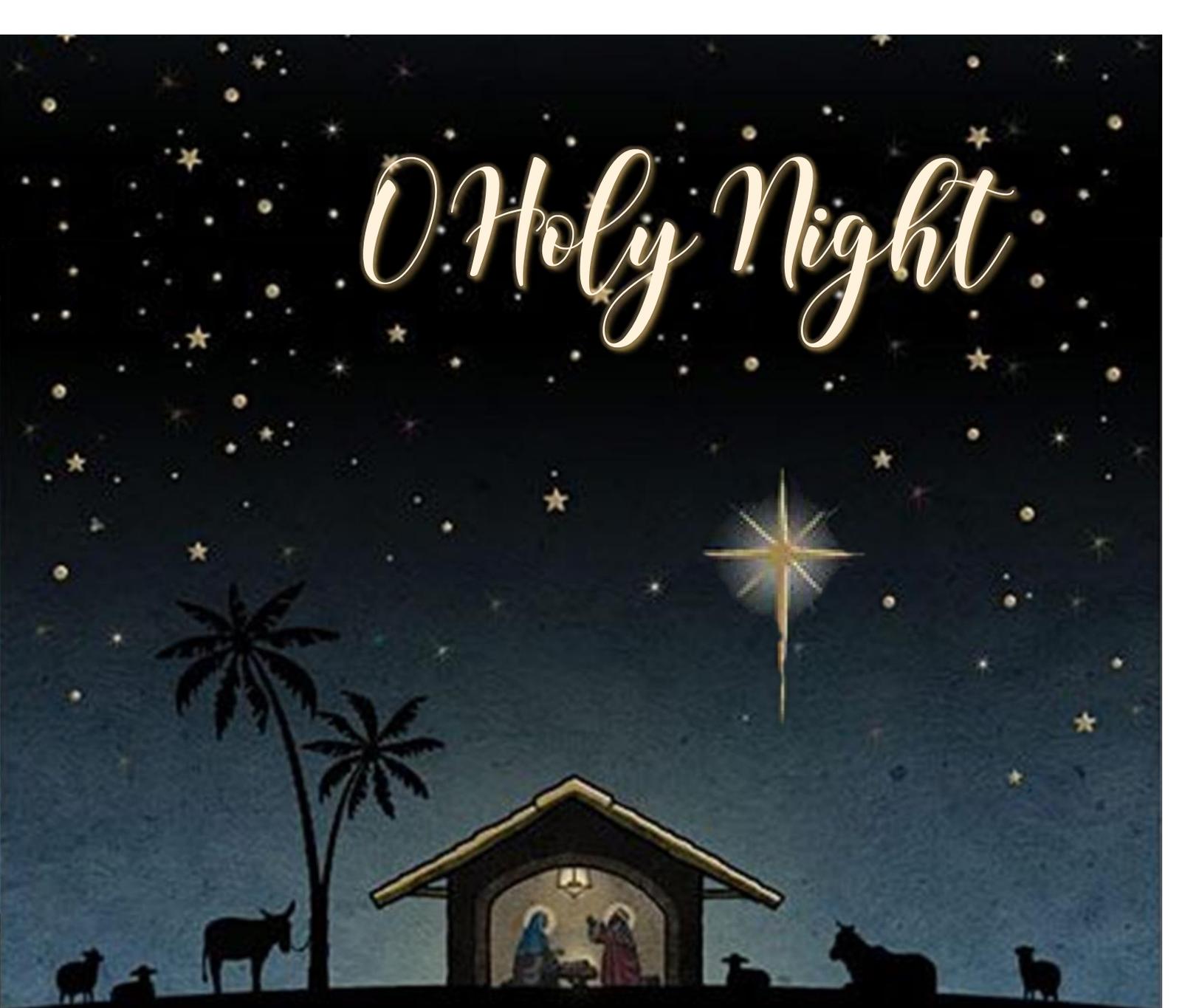


O Holy Night

A detailed illustration of a nativity scene set against a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small, twinkling stars. A prominent, bright, multi-pointed star (the Star of Bethlehem) shines in the upper right quadrant. In the center, a stable with a gabled roof is illuminated from within, showing the figures of Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. To the left of the stable are two palm trees. Silhouetted against the dark ground in the foreground are several animals: a sheep, a cow, a donkey, and another sheep.

GATHERING IN
CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP
ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Grace Presbyterian Church
El Paso, Texas

December 24, 2022 | 6:00PM

Please pick up a candle upon entering the Sanctuary.

Bold Text is read or sung by the congregation

**Please Stand*

Gathering In God's Name

PRELUDE | *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. Cindy Carlisle

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES | Kerri & Alexis Villalobos

SCRIPTURE READING | Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

ANTHEM | *Christ, Be Our Light!* | Grace Choir & Bells

MUSICAL OFFERING | *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming* | Michelle Bushey & Sandy Winston

CALL TO CONFESSION | Rev. Cindy Carlisle

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Great and glorious God,
through Jesus Christ you have shown us your grace
and that the hoped-for time of salvation has come.
Yet we cling tight to the present age
with its passions and pursuits,
not centered on your mercy and justice.
Redeem us from evil and take away all our sin,
through Christ who gave himself for us
so that we might be your people, holy and whole.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Rev. Cindy Carlisle

*Hymn No. 93 | *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

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Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned
with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

Lessons & Carols

SCRIPTURE READING | Micah 5:2-4 • A Promise Made | Laura Hazelton

HYMN No. 121 | *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vs. 1 & 4)

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and
dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 1:26-38 • Birth Foretold | Beth Jones

READING | "Mary, Nazareth Girl" by Ann Weems | Frieda Voeks

MUSICAL OFFERING | *Ave Maria* | Brittney Williams (solo)

SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 2:1-7 • A Child is Born | Mark Norbeck

HYMN No. 145 | *What Child Is This*

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.

Nails, spear, shall pierce
him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold,
and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 2:8-12 • Shepherds Hear Good News | Jim Collins

HYMN No. 147 | *The First Nowell*

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

REFRAIN:

Nowell, Nowell,
Nowell, Nowell,
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.

[REFRAIN]

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.

[REFRAIN]

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.

[REFRAIN]

Then entered in those
wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh,
and frankincense.

[REFRAIN]

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of
nought,
and with his blood our life
hath bought.

[REFRAIN]

SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 2:13-18 • Angels Praise | Sophia Adams

*HYMN No. 113 | *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Christmas Eve Meditation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE LIGHT | Candle Lighting

*HYMN No. 122 | *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.

SCRIPTURE READING | John 1:1-5 • Word Became Flesh | Addysen Norbeck

*HYMN No. 134: | *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come!*

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.

Joy to the earth,
the Savior reigns!
Let all 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 | Rev. Cindy Carlisle

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Rev. Cindy Carlisle | Preaching

Patricia Provencio | Pianist

Brittney Williams | Director of Music

Bob Jones & Jim Collins | Technology Leaders



Used candles may be left in the basket by
the door as you exit the Sanctuary.

Should you have an offering to give, please leave
it in the collection plate as you leave.

If you would like to make an offering online,
please scan the QR Code.

For all offerings given in any form, thank you!

