

*Please prepare and light your candles while the following song is being sung.
We will then sing "Morning Star" antiphonally.*

**Christmas Eve Lovefeast
December 24, 2020**

"LIGHT A CANDLE"

Morning Star, O cheering sight! Ere thou cam'st, how dark earth's night!
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Jesus mine, *in me shine;*
in me shine, Jesus mine;
fill my heart with light divine.

Morning Star, thy glory bright far excels the sun's clear light.
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Jesus be, *constantly,*
constantly, Jesus be
more than thousand suns to me.

Thy glad beams, thou Morning Star, cheer the nations near and far.
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Thee we own, *Lord alone,*
Lord alone, thee we own,
Man's dear Savior, God's dear Son.

Morning Star, my soul's true light, tarry not, dispel my night.
Morning Star, my soul's true light, tarry not, dispel my night.
Jesus mine, *in me shine;*
in me shine, Jesus mine;
fill my heart with light divine.

Christ the Lord, the Lord most glorious, now is born; O shout aloud!
We by him are made victorious; praise the Savior, hail our God!

Praise the Lord, whose saving splendor shines into the darkest night;
O what praises shall we render for this never-ceasing light.

Praise the Lord, God our salvation, praise him who retrieved our loss;
Sing, with awe and love's sensation, hallelujah, God with us.

THE BENEDICTION

THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS

POSTLUDE

PRELUDE

New Philadelphia Band
Bells of Joy
Instrumentalists
"On Christmas Night" (*arr. David Blum*)
Organ and trumpet

INTROIT ANTHEM

Joy to the World

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting of the Advent and Christmas candles and placement of the Christ child in the Putz

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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

INVOCATION

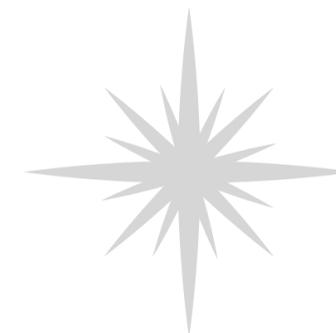
THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1 – 20

New Philly Families

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 Immanuel.



SILENT NIGHT (Intro by the Greenwood Boys)

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, heav'nly 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 your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

THE LOVEFEAST

Please serve yourselves (or each other) the buns and coffee provided in the Lovefeast packets while the following hymns are sung. We will say the blessing together before we partake.

Angels from the realms of glory wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story; now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Softly the night is sleeping on Bethlehem's peaceful hill;
silent the shepherds watching, the gentle flocks are still.
But hark! The wondrous music falls from the op'ning sky;
valley and cliff re-echo, "Glory to God on high!"
*Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God! It rings again;
Peace on the earth! Good will to men!*

Come with the gladsome shepherds, quick hast'ning from the fold;
come with the wise men, pouring incense and myrrh and gold.
Come to him, poor and lowly, around the cradle throng,
come with your hearts of sunshine, and sing the angels' song.
*Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God! It rings again;
Peace on the earth! Good will to men!*

THE BLESSING

*Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.
Bless Thy dear ones everywhere and keep them in Thy loving care. Amen.*

ANTHEMS

Carol of the Bells	<i>Bells of Joy</i>
Minor Prophets	
A Tiny Child Will Come	<i>Choir members</i>
A Caribbean Noel	<i>Choir members</i>

Hark! the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

OFFERING

We present our special offering (to support Sunnyside and Crisis Control Ministries) through the giving portals at newphilly.org or by mailing them to 4440 Country Club Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27104.

ANTHEM

And The Glory of the Lord

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