

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

**December 24, 2020**

6:45 p.m. Christmas Musical Prelude

7:00 p.m. Service of Worship

PRELUDE MUSIC     *Gloria* (Metzer)     Gloria Hess

WELCOME     Pastor Detrick

HYMN     *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*     **201**

CALL TO WORSHIP     Forrest Collier

*Glory to God in the highest! Peace to all people on earth!*

*Today a savior is born to us – Christ the Lord.*

*Let all the earth rejoice in God's great gift!*

INVOCATION     Forrest Collier

Gracious and loving God, creator of all life...we come to you this wonderful and holy night. We pray that you will lead us to your glorious light which is the pathway to life in all its fullness. May our worship tonight be, in some degree, worthy of you and your love. For we ask it in the name of Jesus the Christ, born to be our savior, the light of our lives, and light of the world. Amen.

FLUGELHORN SOLO     *Away in a Manger*     John Hess

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES and the CHRIST CANDLE     Pastor Joe and Venona Detrick

HYMN     *Joy to the World*     **318**

STORY     *The Holy Family, a Story of the Nativity*     Kitty Collier

CHORAL ANTHEM     *Sing to the Holy Child*     Arr. Libergren

CHRISTMAS PRAYER     Forrest Collier

CHORAL ANTHEM     *Baby in a Manger*     Nolan

MEDITATION ON THE OFFERING     Pastor Detrick

OFFERTORY PRAYER

***All of the monetary gifts given in honor of the birth of Jesus will be divided between Brethren***

***Disaster Relief and the New Community Project.***

VIOLIN SOLO     *Gesu Bambino* (Pietro A. Yon)     Venona Detrick

THE CHRISTMAS STORY     Luke 2:1-20     Kathy Long

MEDITATION     *Getting to Bethlehem for Christmas*     Pastor Detrick

HYMN     *O Little Town of Bethlehem*     **191**

CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN     *Silent Night, Holy Night*     **193**

BENEDICTION     *Hold High the Torch!* (Anonymous)     Pastor Detrick

POSTLUDE     *Antioch* (Metzer)     Gloria Hess

***A Sincere Thank You To:***

John and Gloria Hess for their musical leadership.  
John Hess for instrumental music on the Flugelhorn.  
Quartet: Janice Booz, Larry Booz, Bob Huber, Lois Silver  
Venona Detrick for her beautiful violin solo.  
Kitty Collier for her unique storytelling ministry.  
Forrest Collier serving as the worship leader.  
Kathy Long serving as the scripture reading.  
Don & Sara Wagner for setting up the alter decorations.  
Mark and Brenda Yoh for the gift of the Advent candles.  
Jackie Sands for seasonal flower organization.  
Dell Boshnaugle and Steve Hess for lighting, video, and sound.

## 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."



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