

Kirkpatrick Church
Sunday, December 27, 2020

9:30am

Preservice Music
Greeting & Announcements

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 148
Prelude A Joyous Prelude

Edward Broughton

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Gathering Songs:

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
The First Noel

by Ludwig van Beethoven
Traditional

Prayer of Confession
Silent Personal Confession
Assurance of Pardon

First Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Ministry of Music When Love Was Born

by Bernie Herms, Mark Schultz
& Stephanie Lewis

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22-40

Meditation: "The Grace of God on Us – Sermon in Song"

Joy To the World – verses 1, 2

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her king;
 let ev'ry heart prepare him room
 and heav'n and nature sing,
 and heav'n and nature sing,
 and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 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.

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day – verses 1, 3, 4

1 I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace of earth, good will to men.

3 And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

4 Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

O Little Town of Bethlehem – verses 1, 4

1 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.

4 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.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks – verses 1, 5

1 While shepherds watched
their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came
down,
and glory shone around.

5 Thus spoke the angel.
Suddenly
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who
thus
addressed their joyful song:

Silent Night – verses 1-4

1 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.

2 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!

3 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!

4 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.

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Sending Hymn: #227 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charge & Benediction
Postlude Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Eugene Thomas

Announcements

Pastor Mike & his family are on vacation this week. If there is a pastoral need, please contact Karen Shipman (908) 581-2411 or Linda Hults (908) 581-5298. The church office is closed this week.

2020 Annual Reports – If you are responsible for an annual report, please have it into Chris (admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org) by next Sunday, January 3rd. Thank you.

Weekly Prayer Meeting – There will be no prayer meeting this week. Weekly prayer meetings will resume on Wednesday, January 6th at 7pm.

Adopt-A-Family - Adopt-A-Family – Thank you for your support of our Adopt-A-Family ministry. It appears we are fully committed for 2020/2021.

Church Finances – Thank you to everyone who has sent in their offering!! During this time of uncertainty in our world, the church continues to operate. Please mail or drop off your offerings and 2021 Estimate of Giving cards to the church and stay current.

Reopening Plan – Please refer to the church website for updates from our reopening team - www.kirkpatrickchurch.org/covid-19-resources. Any questions, please contact Janis Little or Pastor Mike.

Lambertville Food Pantry. We are still collecting food items and will make additional bags for the pantry as we are able. You may leave donations in the plastic bin outside the Connector door. Thanks for your commitment to this important ministry!

Christmas Food Baskets – Thank you to everyone who donated food items for the Christmas food baskets! We provided over 20 baskets to families in our community.