



ROOM IN THE STORY

*Christmas Eve*

SARDIS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2024

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE at the Sanctuary entrances or you may ask an usher to provide one for you.

CANDLE LIGHTING: If you do not wish to take your candle home with you tonight there are fire safe receptacles outside the sanctuary.

PLEASE SILENCE all cell phones, but feel free to check in on social media and let people know you are here.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY is provided in the main body of the Sanctuary, on the side aisles on the seventh pew, and in the transept area. A handicap unisex bathroom is located in the left rear hallway.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 29, we will have one Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will not have Sunday School.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed December 26 and 27 for Christmas holidays.

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

7:00 P.M. • DECEMBER 24, 2024

† *Rise in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers  
*Lois Buesser, organist*

*Paul Manz*

THE CHIMES

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Martin

Leader: Fear Not! For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

**All Sing: First verse of *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Hymn #119

Leader: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**All Sing: Second verse of *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Hymn #119

Leader: Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.

**All Sing: Third verse of *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Hymn #119

† EVENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Allysen Schaaf

† HYMN #133

O Come, All Ye Faithful  
*Vernon Sumwalt, timpani*

*Adeste Fideles*



FINAL READING

John 1:1-14

Dr. Martin

SHARING THE PEACE AND LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Ushers will light a candle at the end of your pew. Worshipers will then pass the light from person to person down the pew. Candles that are lighted should remain upright while those to be lighted are tilted to the burning candle. As you pass the light, you are invited to say, "The peace of Christ be with you" and respond with "And also with you."*

† CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night!

*Stille Nacht*

**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.**

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Martin

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

*Ronald Besemer*

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**Our Christmas Eve offerings will go to support Sardis' near by Neighbor Emergency Assistance Fund.**

**We have several offering options.**

- Option 1: Make a credit card gift online using your mobile device: go to [sardis.org](http://sardis.org) and click on "Make a Gift Now".
- Option 2: Use your smart phone to scan the QR code to go directly to the secure online form.



Thank you for your gifts and support of Sardis Presbyterian Church and our community.