# December 24, 2022 Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service North Warren Presbyterian Church Reverend Burfoot S. Ward, III, Pastor Kris Soderberg, Organist

"We trust God's Spirit to work in us, through our words and deeds, wherever we are."

## **Prelude**

## **Register Attendance**

Please sign the friendship register located in the pew rack, your name only if you attend regularly, completely if you are new or visiting.

#### **Announcements**

**Call to Worship** Isaiah 63:7-9 page 1160 in pew Bible (read by Lay Leader only)

### **Lighting Advent Candle for Jesus**

Decker Family

*Hymn	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	No. 277
	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	No. 278

\*Invocation

<b>Scripture Lesson</b>	Luke 2:1-14	p. 1590
Sermon	"The Song of Christmas"	Rev. Ward

\***Hymn** "What Child Is This?" No. 281

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation and Words of Institution

**Pastor:** Friends, on this Holy Night it is fitting that we gather at this, the Lord's Table, celebrating the great gift God has given us, in Jesus Christ, through this joyful feast!

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

**People:** We thank you Gracious Lord for the gift of your Son. May the joy of His birth, the witness of His life, and the mercy of His death, challenge us to follow His example leading others toward His eternal light.

#### Distribution of Elements

(You will be instructed when to come forward to pick up your bread and juice. Please wait until an Elder instructs you to come forward.) Prayer of Thanksgiving

# \*The Passing of the Light

**Pastor:** This is the message we have heard from Him, this is the song we sing and proclaim to you; that God is Light and in God there is no darkness at all.

**People:** If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie, and do not live according to the truth.

**Pastor:** But if we walk in the light, as God is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another.

**People:** And the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

As "Silent Night" is played and the lights are dimmed, the pastor will light a candle from the "Christ" candle on the Advent Wreath and then light the candles of Ruling Elders. The Ruling Elders will then light the candles of those on the center of each aisle, who in turn will pass the light to the others in that row. REMEMBER, the lighted candle should remain upright, the unlit candle tilted. If you are using an electric candle, please light your candle by flipping the switch on the bottom. Once all candles are lit, we will sing all the verses of "Silent Night!"

\*Hymn "Silent Night! Holy Night!" No. 253
(all verses on the PowerPoint)

# \*Christmas Prayer and Benediction

### **Postlude**

Please be careful to extinguish your candle prior to leaving your pew. Please return your candle to the baskets provided as you leave the service.

All those who confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper. This includes baptized children who have received proper instruction from their parents.

\*Those Who Are Able, Please Stand We welcome all who have come to worship with us. We pray that this service will be a blessing to you. Lay Leader tonight is Chris McClellan. Ushers/Greeters for tonight are Darrell and Carol Pusateri. Nursery Worker today is Megan Grady. Sound Booth operators are Burt and Joshua Ward. The Christmas Poinsettias are given through your donations to the Flower Committee as designated on the insert. **Offering plates** are located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates on your way in or out of the service. You can give electronically by downloading the app, going to our website, or snapping the QR code on the front cover and clicking on the "Donate Now" button on the first page. Our new invitation code is **TB43VX**. THANK-YOU! Join us tomorrow, December 25, Christmas Day 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages 11:00 am for the Worship Service. Sermon Outline for December 24, 2022 Rev. Ward TITLE: "The Song of Christmas" TEXT: Luke 2:1-14 I. Introduction: The song is Jesus' song into the \_\_\_\_\_. II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_. III. The of is also a of for IV. I pray that you will experience the reality of Emmanuel, God with us, with such conviction that you can't help but sing . . .