

Christmas Eve Worship

Live at 7 pm on the radio (93.5FM) or livestreaming at www.RochelleUMC.com/Christmas starting at 6 am

Prelude
Welcome
Hymn

Carol of the Bells

Hark the Herald Angels Sing - Charles Wesley

- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
"Joyful, all ye nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- 2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
- 3 Hail the heav'nborn 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 we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.

Prayer for All God's Children

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem - Phillips Brooks

- 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.
- 3 How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Scripture
Hymn

The Christmas Story: Luke 2:1-7

Away in a Manger - Martin Luther

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Scripture
Hymn

The Story Unfolds: Luke 2:8-14

Angels We Have Heard on High

- 1 Angels we have heard on highs weety singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
- 4 See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.



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Christmas Eve Worship (continued)

Scripture The Story is Shared with the Least of These: Luke 2:15-20
Special Music **O Holy Night** - Placide Cappeau
Christmas Message Pastor Rob Hamilton
Hymn **Silent Night** - Joseph Mohr

- 1 Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender & 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 Hallelujah, Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born,
- 3 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.
- 4 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!

Listening for the Bells

Hymn **Joy to the World** - Joseph Mohr

- 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, & heav'n & nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, & plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

Parting Blessing

Postlude



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