

December 24, 2024

7:00 PM

*Pastor Dennis W. Molnar*

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Pianist  
& Choir Director

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Luke 2: 1-7

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES AND THE  
CHRIST CANDLE

Narrative

Prayer of Confession

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 2, 6

Lighting of the Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love,  
and the Christ Candle

Prayer of Light

\* CAROL OF PRAISE #90 CLH “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2: 8-12

CHILDREN’S SERMON *“The Gift in the Manger”*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Emmanuel, in gratitude for the gift of your presence with and among us, we present these offerings to you. Accept and bless these gifts so that they might spread the joy of Christmas to others. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE PROCLAMATION: Luke 2: 13-14

CHOIR ANTHEM “O Holy Child of Bethlehem”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2: 15-20

SPECIAL MUSIC “O Holy Night” *Michele Harris and Matt Purdy*

EVENING MESSAGE *“The Cradle of Love”*

\* CAROL OF REFLECTION #99 CLH “Angels We Have Heard on High”

MINISTRY & MISSION REFLECTION *“A Silent Night”*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*(Tip only unlit candles to receive the flame. During the last verse of “Silent Night,” hold your candles aloft, then extinguish your candle after the last verse is sung.)*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

\* CAROL OF LIGHT #89 CLH “Silent Night!”

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE #132 CLH “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” *Refrain only*  
***Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’ry-where;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!***

\* POSTLUDE

\* Congregation please stand if you are able.

CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red) PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue)

We welcome all visitors worshiping with us tonight! Please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Dennis Molnar can be reached by calling/texting 412-389-6844 or by e-mail at [molnarzoo@verizon.net](mailto:molnarzoo@verizon.net) if you have a pastoral concern or question.

Thank you for joining us on this Holy Night, Christmas Eve! On this special night as we celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ as our Savior, we wish you and your family a most blessed Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

**Children's Sunday School** – First Sunday of each month following the Children's Sermon. Next Sunday School is scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult Sunday School** – Sundays from 9:45-10:30am. There will be no Adult Sunday School until January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Choir Practice** – Sundays at 10:30am in the choir room.

**Coffee & Donut Fellowship** – Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 - 11:00am. Skip your breakfast and enjoy some delicious donuts along with coffee and fellowship before our Lessons & Carols Worship Service!

**Lessons & Carols Worship Service** - Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

**Communion** – Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

If you are looking for a new church home, we invite you to join us Sundays at 11:00am for worship. We also broadcast our services on Facebook Live and later on YouTube. Go to [www.cowansvillechurch.org/live-streams](http://www.cowansvillechurch.org/live-streams).

**Christmas Eve Offering** - Our offering plate is in the back of the sanctuary. Tonight's offering will be donated to Connections of Armstrong County, a nonprofit organization which forges connections between people, agencies, churches and resources.

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