



*Grace United Methodist Church*  
*320 Felgar Road, Somerset, PA 15501*  
*Rev. Eric G. Raygor, Pastor*  
*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

PRELUDE

Christ's Birth Foretold *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *See page two*

\*HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #240

\*INVOCATION

Dear Lord, don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Even though our traditions have changed, remind us that the gift of Emmanuel, God with us, does not depend on everything being just as we like it to be.

In the midst of so much that is different, help us to focus our celebration on Your birth.

Thank You for being the Prince of Peace. We ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts.

Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

*Jenn & Paige Hartman*

HYMN "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" *verses 1-3* #218

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING Mary Hears the News *Luke 1: 26-38*  
*Rev. Brenda Shaffer*

HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" *verses 1-3* #230

READING Jesus is Born *Luke 2: 1-7*  
*Rev. Charles Olson*

HYMN "What Child is This" #219

READING The Angels and the Shepherds *Luke 2: 8-18*  
*Rev. Brenda Shaffer*

\*HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

READING The Wise Men Follow the Star *Matthew 2: 1-6*  
*Rev. Charles Olson*

\*HYMN "Joy to the World" #246

SPECIAL MUSIC "Make Room in Your Heart"  
*Michael Prokop*

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

*Rev. Eric Raygor*

LIGHTING OF INDIVIDUAL CANDLES "O Holy Night"

\*HYMN "Silent Night"  
*Intro: Cheryl Millward*

Music Director/Soloist: Melissa Salyers  
 Organist/Pianist: Nerita Brant  
 Soloist: Michael Prokop  
 Guitar: Jim Millward

Call to Worship 2020:

In Mary's hometown of Nazareth, where she trusted the angel's news...

In Elizabeth's house in Ein Karem, where her baby leaped for joy...

Beside a manger in Bethlehem, where Joseph held his child...

**Surely God was in those places, and they noticed!**

Within the Jerusalem Temple, where a priest's life was upended...

On a Judean workplace, where shepherds trembled before an army of angels...

In a Persian study, where sages pondered a unexpected star...

**Surely God was in those places, and they noticed!**

In homes on Patriot Street and Center Avenue...

on East Main Street and Rosina...

on On Red Goose Road and Glades Pike...

**Surely God is in those places. Will we notice?**

In homes in Briarwood and Village Way...

In Sunny Acres, Edgewood Estates and Whispering Pines...

In Parson's Run and Apricot Court...

**Surely God is in those places. Will we notice?**

In homes on Garret Street, Church Street, and Race Street...

on Franklin Avenue, Davis Avenue, and Harrison Avenue...

along the Water Level road, all the way up Stepping Stones and all the way down Cannery...

**Surely God is in those places. Will we notice?**

Next to beds in UPMC Somerset, Patriot Manor, and Seimons...

Next to hospital beds moved into living rooms...

Under our roofs, wherever we find ourselves tonight...

**Surely God is in those places. Will we notice?**

Wherever we are tonight, and however we are gathering for worship, God is with us.

**We are not alone!**

Come and worship.

**Let us worship together.**

**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!**