

Prayer List

We protect the confidential nature of our prayer requests.
The complete list of requested prayers is provided during worship rather than on this "online" bulletin.

Prayer Concerns will remain for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

You may contact the church office concerning any needs for prayer, or you may also email prayer requests to prayercircle@ottawapresby.org or amyremaklus@yahoo.com.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

Rev. Amy: Receive Christ's light and let its warmth and glow be in your hearts this night.

People: Let the glory of the light shine around us.

*Passing the light

*Hymn *Silent Night, Holy Night* on screen

*Benediction

Sermon Notes

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Ottawa Presbyterian Church
December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve

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Welcome to OPC!

Poinsettias are provided by members of the congregation for the Christmas season.

*The Congregation stands if able in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

Call to Advent – Choir

Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen –

Piano Solo

Quiet Songs of the Holy Night –

Organ and Chime Duet

Angels We Have Heard on High

The First Noel –

Saxophone solo

In the Bleak Midwinter-Away in a Manger –

Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Guitar, String Bass

O Holy Night –

Piano and Organ Duet

Fantasia on Adeste Fedelis –

Organ and Chimes Duet

GATHERING

Lighting The Christ Candle Rev. Amy

All: Dear Lord, we light these candles this Christmas Eve as a reminder of whose we are and who leads us in the world. May these candles remind us that we can breathe in your love and teachings and breathe out your love and teachings to others. May these candles remind us that the work of our lives is not done until Jesus' justice reigns. May these candles remind us to listen to your message of Christmas – that love, hope, kindness, and peace are born on Christmas Day. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, the creator and giver of life, who brought all creation to birth, all people, all religions, all languages, all beauty, and all colors in the rainbow. We believe in God, who mothers and fathers us, protecting, nurturing, and cherishing each and every one of us, desiring us to be one body that cares for all its members. We believe in Jesus Christ: God humbly born in the flesh as a fragile baby, embodying both love for all as well as the needs for gentle caring love. We believe in the reconciliation of God's world as demonstrated in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that we have been gifted the courage to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, and love the foreigner as Jesus instructed. We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth, always drawing us on to be born again, encouraging, exhorting, comforting, and nourishing our growth as God's people. We believe that the Christian church, embodying God's Spirit, is a people created to love, to welcome the stranger, and to walk together with all God's people, through God's starry night and into the dawn. Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth! Amen.

Call to Confession

Choir Anthem *Little Child of Love*
Little child of love, sleeping in a manger, tiny little stranger born for us tonight.

Little child of love, while the winter wind blows, here within the shadows you have brought us light.

In a world of doubt and fear, we have grown apart.

Help us all to come to you and welcome you within our hearts.

Little child of love, peace and hope surround you.

Now the world has found you; humble gifts we

bring. Little child of love, all who kneel before you, worship and adore you. We have found our king. In a dark and troubled world, we have gone astray. Now you come to bring God's love and help us all to find our way.

Little child of love, all the world rejoices. Now we lift our voices; hear the heavens ring!

Little child of love, we will tell your story and proclaim your glory. We have found our king!

Silent Prayer: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* #132

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Poem Reflection *Blest Be*

*Hymn *Blest Be the God of Israel* #109

Second Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-21

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Poem Reflection *One Starry Night*

*Hymn *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* #128

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Response: Emmanuel, God-with-us, hear our prayer.

Choir Anthem *Still is the Night*

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