

*Christmas Day*  
*Sunday, December 25th, 2022*



*The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury*  
*352 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702*

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*Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,  
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

*Order of Worship  
(\*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

A reading from Isaiah chapter 9:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

*(The Christ Candle is lit)*

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

\* **Opening Carol: #143** Angels, From the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
you, who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Refrain:*

*Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light: *[Refrain]*

Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star: *[Refrain]*

All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One: *[Refrain]*

### **Opening Prayer (unison)**

**God of mystery and might,  
we praise and worship you,  
for you came in silence, while all lay sleeping,  
to enter our world as a child of humble birth.  
We thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ,  
born of your handmaid Mary.  
In his face we behold your glory,  
for in his life as in his death  
is your gift of salvation.  
By your Spirit,  
make our hearts burn with thanksgiving,  
that we may give as we have received.  
Let our whole lives be gifts of praise to you,  
God of love and peace,  
in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Scripture Lesson: Psalm 98**

### **Christmas Carol Sing**

*We take your Christmas carol requests, and sing 2 verses of each request. If you are on Zoom, you are also invited to make requests.*

## **Sharing of Christmas Joys**

### **Christmas Prayer**

### **Passing of the Peace**

**Sharing of Christmas Story:** “The First Christmas:  
Lessons from the Nativity” by Lance Douglas

### **Offering**

### **Offertory**

### **Doxology**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

\* **Closing Carol:** #136                      Go, Tell it on the Mountain

*Refrain:*

*Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills, and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. *[Refrain]*

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. *[Refrain]*

Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. *[Refrain]*

## **Benediction**

Prayer of The Christ Child,  
*from the Twelve Prayers of Christmas by Candy Chand.*

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **Postlude**

*You are invited to join us in the Social Room for fellowship following the service.*

### **Worship Leaders:**

**Pastor:**

**Rev. Katja Gruening**

**Liturgist:**

**Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth**

**Organ:**

**Marcello Velame**

**Ushers:**

**Peter Bruguere**

**Jack Mackay**

**Zoom Hosts:**

**Rich Vodhanel**

**Coffee Hour:**

**Deacons**

*The family of Ruth Rose would like to thank Pastor Katja for the beautiful graveside service she led for our mom.*