

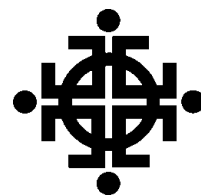
## *Silent Night*

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 Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

*The mission of First Covenant Church is to WORSHIP God,  
EQUIP people to live in faith,  
SHARE God's love,  
SERVE the community around us.*



# First Covenant Church

*Welcome to our church! May you know the joy of salvation, which is ours through Jesus Christ and that through the warmth of our fellowship you may grow in God's grace and love.*

## Christmas Eve Vespers Service

December 24, 2023

4:30 p.m.

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship  
Christ is born.  
**Hope and joy and peace are born.**  
God is born in a person  
**Persons can be born again.**  
No wonder the angels sing.  
**Let us celebrate the birth of our Lord.**

Hymn #160 "How Glad I am Each Christmas Eve"

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn #193 I think of That Star of Long Ago"

Scripture Readings  
Isaiah 9: 2-7 (Pew Bible pg. 526)  
Luke 2: 1-14 (Pew Bible pg. 783)

Hymn # 171 "What Child Is This, Who Laid to Rest?"

Message “The Unknowns (The People of the Nativity Story)”  
Speaker - Mike Hannay

Vocal Solo	"The Birthday of a King"	Jeffrey Jones
------------	--------------------------	---------------

## Christmas Offering for Quad Cities Food Shelf

Closing Hymn                      “Silent Night”

## Postlude

+ + +

**WE WISH YOU A MOST BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**