



Longest Night Service

December 21, 2021 6:30pm

“This service is designed to provide a space for prayer, reflection, and remembrance amidst the holiday hustle and bustle. We hope that this service can be a gift to you providing space of calm, quiet, and healing.” A Sanctified Art LLC| Sarah Speed

✦Stand as able.

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

The First Noel
Sweet Little Jesus Boy
What Child Is This
While We Are Waiting, Come
Still, Still, Still
Alice Walker, organ Loucy Hay, piano

arr. Smith & Husted
Robert MacGimsey
arr. Smith & Husted
Don Cason
Austrian Carol

Words of Welcome

Opening Poem

✦Hymn 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

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Prayer of Illumination

Isaiah 40

Reader: Pat Harper

Response Hymn 121 (stanzas 1 & 4) *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (remain seated) ST. LOUIS
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Psalms 121

Reader: Judy Davis

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✦Response Hymn 88 (stanzas 1,2,5,6,7)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Silent Meditation

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

Meditation Music: *Silent Night*
Jake McCarthy, violin Alice Walker, organ

Candle Lighting

Hymn 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

The Sending

One: We are here.

All: We are here.

One: I see you and your pain.

All: I see you and your pain.

One: I see you and your hope.

All: I see you and your hope.

One: We belong to one another.

All: We belong to one another.

One: We are not in this alone.

All: We are not in this alone.

One: Thanks be to God for the love that binds us.

All: Thanks be to God for the love that binds us.

Benediction

Postlude

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Loucy Hay, piano Alice Walker, organ

Arr. Ron and Linda Sprunger



Covington First Presbyterian Church

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane, Senior Pastor

Krista Firkus, Music Director

Alice Walker, Organist

Loucy Hay, piano

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