

Christmas Eve Offering



Christmas Eve Offering Supports Local Families

Mount Nittany Church's Angel Tree Ministry, which provides help to families in our community during the Christmas season, helps ease the burden of those families who may be struggling during this time of year. After contacting local elementary schools, the number of families seeking financial assistance more than doubled from last year. It is necessary to share not only our love but also our funds to lessen their financial burden, therefore, we have committed monies to purchase grocery gift cards for these families. Our Christmas Eve Offering will be dedicated to the resources but especially our love of Christ with all in need.

If you are a member, please use an envelope in the pews and record your envelope number to ensure your giving is recorded. May God's love be yours this Christmas and may peace be your hope in the New Year.

Prayer of the Week

Pray for the light of Christ to reach the darkest corners of this world.

Leading Worship

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Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, Dec. 24
6 and 7:30 pm

 Livestream at 7:30pm
Mt Nittany Church

Welcome to worship at
Mount Nittany Church!

Tonight, we hear the story of God's Good News made flesh in the form of a little baby, lying in a manger. We, like the shepherds, are to keep watch for Christ to come into our world today, and heed the angels' call to seek him.

Giving:

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Greeting

Prelude

Christmas Eve Prayer (Responsive)

Opening Praise

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #240 vs 1,3
Angels We Have Heard on High #238

Chapel Choir

When Love Crossed Over (7:30 pm)

Children's Message

Solo

O Holy Night (6 pm)

Scripture

Luke 2:1-20

Message

Keeping Watch

Gospel Praise

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #218 vs 1,2,4
Away in a Manger #217

The Peace

Offertory Response

Come and See the Glory of the Lord

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Apostles Creed

Communion Praise

O, Little Town of Bethlehem #230 vs 1-3

Holy Communion

Lighting of the Candles

Closing Praise

Silent Night, Holy Night #239

Sending

Postlude

Announcements

A Note About Lighting Candles

For our Christmas Eve services, we will use real-flame candles, but battery-powered candles will be available for those who wish to use them (recommended for children and those with masks). Please exercise care in passing the flame: Ushers will pass the flame to you starting from the front to the back of the sanctuary, coming down the main aisles. To light your candle, you will tip your candle to the flame. To pass the light to the person next to you, hold your candle upright, and let them tip your unlit candle to yours. Please return your candle to the baskets upon exiting.

A Note About Holy Communion

All are welcome to this table! This evening, we will be celebrating Holy Communion together in our seats. On your way into the sanctuary, please pick up your Communion packets – the bread and juice – in front of the AV booth. You will be instructed as to when to take the elements. After the service, please discard your packages in the waste cans exiting the sanctuary.

Mount Nittany Begins One Service Jan. 1

Mount Nittany Church is combining its 8:30 and 10 am Sunday Services into one service beginning Jan. 1. The service will be at 9:30 am, with Coffee + Donut fellowship following. Nursery is available during the new service time.

Prayer List

Jon Hickey, Mary Heltman, Ben Thompson, Stephanie Ball, Ed Kerr, Bill Moore Jr, Marty and Tara Mondock, the Spear family, the Sopper family, Bill Voigt, the Hoch family, the Webber Family, Richard & Marci Auhl, Jeffery Harman, the McClenahan Family.

Calendar

Sunday

Worship 9:30 am Sanctuary

Monday

Office is closed

Pastor's Sabbatical Begins Jan. 2

Pastor Chris will be on a six-week sabbatical Jan. 2 – Feb. 13. Pastor Carl Hill will be the pastoral care minister during this time and can be reached at (814) 359 – 2920

Children's Sunday School

There is no Sunday school at the Dec. 25 or Jan. 1 service. We will resume Sunday school on Jan. 8 during the 9:30 time period for worship.

Parents Night Out

Parents night out for January will be Jan. 6 from 6-7:30 pm. Join us for pizza and a movie to start the New Year. All children 4-13 welcome

Family Fun Night for January

Family Fun night for January will be Jan. 13 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Join us for snacks and games to ring in the New Year with your Mount Nittany family