



NEW HACKENSACK REFORMED CHURCH  
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~ *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service* ~  
*8pm December 24, 2024*

~~ *Welcome!* ~~

We are thankful you have joined us to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We trust that The Light of the World will fill your Christmas with hope, love, peace and joy. You are always welcome to attend our Sunday morning services. Worship is available at 10am in the sanctuary and online. Sunday school, Children and Worship and Nursery care are available during worship most Sundays. Check our website for details. <https://nhrc-church.org/>

*Candles*

Candles are distributed upon your arrival for participation in the "Service of Candlelight"



*Christmas Eve Offering*

This evening, the recipient of the special offering will go to Food Bank of the Hudson Valley and Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls. Offering envelopes are available in the pews for this contribution. Thank you for sharing your gifts!

*Staff*

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Keith W. Tamlyn  
**Interim Christian Education Director:** Tina Brent  
**Administrative Assistant:** Laura Safran

**Organist/Pianist:** Gabriella Fryer  
**Chancel Choir Director:** Kristina Rizzo  
**Handbell Director:** Pat McCullough



7:40pm CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Gabriella Fryer – Piano

## **The Invitation to Worship**

CHRISTMAS GREETING Passing of the Peace

*“Emmanuel... God With Us”*

PRELUDE

### **“A German Music Box”**

*arr. B. Wayne Bisbee*  
Campanola Ringers

### **The Prophecy**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

*Rev. Keith Tamlyn*

\*CAROL

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

**#173**

\*A GATHERING PRAYER

O Holy God, we hear the story of shepherds and magi, of maiden and carpenter, of prophets and angels. And we too come to Bethlehem for a blessing. We travel tonight to a stable – a stable that is filled with love for us all. Tonight you are born in our hearts because you have chosen the weakness of our bodies for your birth. We are filled with love because you have taken upon yourself our humanity; we are filled with hope because you have offered us your Spirit, your life and your light. We have gathered to become a transforming community of faith, a holy people. Tonight we say together, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all.” Amen.

\*GREETING

*Rev. Keith Tamlyn*

### **The Announcement**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 26-38

*Elder Pam Kara*

CAROL

**“The First Noel, the Angel Did Say”**

**#162**

### **Christ Comes to Us**

\*SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 1-7

*Rev. Keith Tamlyn*

SOLO

**“Mary Did You Know?”**

*Words and Music by Mark Lowry*  
Kristen Hershman, Soloist  
Gabiella Fryer, Accompanist

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

“Reconnecting to Our Source”

Rev. Keith Tamlyn

ANTHEM

**“Child of Hope, Child of Peace”**

*Words and Music by Lloyd Larsen*  
Chancel Choir

**The World Rejoices**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 8-14

Elder Pam Kara

\*CAROL

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

#152

**Spreading the Good News**

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

**O God, you have given us the greatest gift, your Son. We respond to you by giving to you what is precious to us. Grant that we might learn to give even more freely, and teach us how giving changes us. We give thanks for your unceasing love through this tiny child. Amen.**

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

THE OFFERTORY

**“Ding Dong! Merrily on High”**

*arr. Cynthia Dobrinski*  
Campanola Ringers

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-2, 7-11

Rev. Keith Tamlyn

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

SOLO

## “O Holy Night”

*arr. Adolphe Adam*

Pat McCullough, Soprano  
Gabriella Fryer, Piano



SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60: 1  
John 8: 12



## The Service of Candlelight

*Please remain seated. Please tip your **unlighted** candle to the flame.*

THE CAROL

## “Silent Night! Holy Night!”

#164

Campanola Ringers and Congregation

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 host sing: “Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light  
radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*Keep candles lit*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Keith Tamlyn

*Please carefully extinguish your candle with the first note of “Joy to the World”  
Hold until wax has hardened. Place in receptacles as you depart*

**\*CAROL OF REJOICING**

**“Joy to the World”**

**#146**

Campanola Ringers and Congregation

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**Joy to the world! The Savior reigns:  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

**\*THE BENEDICTION  
THE POSTLUDE**

*Rev. Keith Tamlyn  
Gabriella Fryer*

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\*Indicates Congregation Standing if Able.

**Ushers:** David and Diane Grammerstorf, Jerry Carey, Bob Ray,  
Fred Schomann, Sherry Seney

**A special thank you to:**

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All the musicians for their beautiful music

Our chancel and handbell choir directors

Our organist

The families who have lit the advent candles this season

Elder Pam Kara for assisting

