

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2014

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

MEDITATION *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* Longfellow & Millard

I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play. And mild and sweet their songs repeat of peace on earth, good will to men. And the bells are ringing, like a choir they're singing, in my heart I hear them: Peace on earth, good will to men.
And in despair I bowed my head, "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men." But the bells are ringing...
Then rang the bells more loud and deep. God is not dead, nor doth He sleep.
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth good will to men.
Then ringing singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day, a voice, a chime, a chant sublime of peace on earth good will to men. And the bells are ringing...
Do you hear the bells they're ringing? The life the angels singing?
Open up your heart and hear them, Peace on earth, good will to men.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Buitendorp Family

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6 - 7
The Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

INVOCATION Jeff Allen

CALL TO WORSHIP Jeff Allen

He came as a baby in a manger. **O come, let us adore him.**

He came in a lowly stable. **O come, let us adore him.**

Shepherds brought their worship. **O come, let us adore him.**

Angels sang his praise. **O come, let us adore him.**

Magi brought their gifts. **O come, let us adore him.**

What shall we do? **O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.**

*CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

READING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY Reece Alexander

*CAROL *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.**

MUSICAL OFFERING Mary Keltner

MEDITATION *There Is Something in a Name* Pastor
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

MUSICAL OFFERING *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Adam

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Pastor

SCRIPTURE READING *John 1:1-5, 8:12* Pastor

*SHARING OF THE LIGHT *Silent Night* STILLE NACHT

**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, 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.**

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star lend thy light; with the angels let us sing
alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

BENEDICTION *(The candles are extinguished following the prayer.)* Pastor

POSTLUDE



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