

# *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

December 24, 2017

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE *Still, Still, Still* arr. Rouse

CALL TO WORSHIP *Christmas Sanctus* Dengler & Dengler

WELCOME Matt Wilson

\*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!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Hobson/Kiger Family

*Isaiah 9:2*  
The Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

MEDITATION *All this Glory* Crowder

SCRIPTURE READING *John 1:1-4; 14* Sarah Gruver

\*CAROL *Silent Night, Holy 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, darkness, flies, all is light; Shepherds hear the angels sing,  
"Alleluia, to the King!" Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 9:6-7* Bob Garner

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 1:18-23* Dennis Palmer

\*CAROL *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men," from heaven's all gracious King.  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophet bards foretold,  
When with the evercircling years comes 'round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 1:26-38* Katie Chinlund

\*CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* 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.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep their  
watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

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 Immanuel!

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 2:1-7* Colin Loftis

\*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 look down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep in 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.

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 2:8-14* Colin Loftis

\*CAROL *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild;  
God and sinners reconciled." Joyful all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord: Late in time,  
behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness! Light and life to all He  
brings, Risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more  
may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 2:15-20* Colin Loftis

MEDITATION *Christ Is Born* Miller

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Pastor

SHARING OF THE LIGHT *O, Holy Night* arr. Lopez

\*CAROL *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* ANTIOCH

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.

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, and wonders of His love.

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

POSTLUDE *Breath of Heaven* arr. Bober



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