

Carols by Candlelight

*ResponseRev. DuVall

Men: In the quiet of the night a husband becomes a father: A personal act of surrender;
Accepting God's charge upon him.

**Women: In the quiet of the night a woman gives birth: A personal act of surrender;
Accepting God's charge upon her.**

All: In the quiet of the night a baby breathes the air for the first time; A personal act of
surrender; God steps out of the divine into the mundane. . .for us.

*The Passing of the Christmas Light. Sanctuary Choir and Congregation
"All is Well (incorporating 'Silent Night')"...arr. Bruce Greer

Choir Only:

All is well, all is well. Angels and men rejoice.
For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love's light. Sing alleluia.
All is well, all is well. Let there be peace on earth.
Christ is come, go and tell that He is in the manger. Sing alleluia.

Congregation and Choir:

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.

A Time for Silent Prayer

*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 trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

(Please extinguish candles at the close of the prayer.)

*Benediction. "Immanuel"



Im - ma - nu - el, our God is with us, and if God is
with us who could stand a- gainst us? Our God is with us Im- ma - nu - el!

*The congregation will please stand, if able.

*Postlude. Joan Hill

"Go Tell it On the Mountain"... arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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Chiming of the Hour

Prelude..... Joan Hill, organ
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"... arr. Robert Hobby

Invocation Matt DuVall, *Pastor*

A Worship Threshold....."Calm and Bright: 200 Years of Silent Night"
Keith Reaves/Mary Donahue/Sanctuary Choir

Lighting the Christ Candle Chris, Catherine and Ginny Jackson

Carol of Praise "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

A Christmas Meditation Rev. DuVall

The Christmas Story in Word and Song

Solo.....Frank Murphy
"O, Holy Night"...Adolphe Adam

The Birth of Jesus Is Announced to Mary and Joseph..... Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25
Mary Jo McCormick and William Douglas, lay readers

Carol "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Preparation for the Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-5
Gwen Stephens, Ministry Assistant

Carol....."O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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.

Jesus Is Born Luke 2:6-7
John Uldrick, Minister of Students and Missions

Solo.....Keith Reaves, Senior Associate/Minister of Worship
"Ten Thousand Joys"...arr. Don Marsh

Jesus' Birth Is Announced to the Shepherds..... Luke 2:8-14
Tamara Tillman Smathers, Minister of Education/Administration

Anthem Sanctuary Choir
"Sussex Carol"...arr. Elaine Hagenberg

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring
news of great joy news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.
Then why should men on earth be so sad since our Redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin he set us free all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night,
"Glory to God in highest heaven, now and forever more." Amen.

The Shepherds Find Baby Jesus..... Luke 2:15-18
Alice Clements Chair of Deacons

Carol....."Away in a Manger"

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.

The Wise Men Bring Their Gifts to JesusMatthew 2:1-11
Kristen Pope, Minister of Faith Development

Carol....."The First Nowell"

And by the light of that bright star the wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three, fell reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence their gold and myrrh and frankincense.