

So we light our candles in gratitude for the love and light that shine through the Babe born in Bethlehem who became the Redeemer of us all.

Let there be light.

May we share the love of God with a world longing for light and hope, purpose, and love.

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We join the chorus of those who have echoed through the years:

“Christ the Savior is born!”

*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!

*Postlude. Joan Hill

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”...arr. Don Hustad

*The congregation will please stand, if able.

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Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Joan Hill, organ; Beverly Harris, piano
"Joy to the World"... arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Invocation Matt DuVall, *Pastor*

*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.

Lighting the Christ Candle Dr. Floyd and Ann Roebuck

God's promises are true. We celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Promised One, the Savior of the World!

Oh Lord, You are the Christ, our Hope, our Peace, our Joy, and our Love. Amen.

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
Brian Inman and Tara Inman, 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
Jason Sanker, Chair of Deacons

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
Gwen Stephens, Ministry Assistant

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
"Go Tell It on the Mountain"... arr. Molly Ijames
(This anthem is placed in the music library in honor of Bob and Ferne Gibson by Anne Paige, Oren, Gracen and Nolan Wilson.)

The Shepherds Find Baby Jesus. Luke 2:15-18
Kristen Pope, Minister of Faith Development

Carol "The First Nowell"

The first Nowell the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with His blood mankind hath bought.

The Wise Men Bring Their Gifts to Jesus Matthew 2:1-11
John Uldrick, Minister of Students and Missions

Carol "We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect Light.*

*Response Rev. DuVall

We light our candles, knowing that the One who is the source and promise of all light is the One whose birth we celebrate.

Let there be light.

We need to know that we are part of something greater than the flicker of our own little candles and that the light of Christ is with us even in this moment.

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