



December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Service



We exist to welcome ALL people by sharing the Love of Christ!

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PRELUDE

Melody Draper

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***HYMN***O Come, All Ye Faithful (v 1,3,6)*

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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.*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Like the shepherds, we come to the stable, uncertain of what we have heard and seen,

Congregation: Longing to hear a word of peace and joy.

Leader: Like the wise ones, we have journeys to make, gifts to offer, and hope in our hearts,

Congregation: That this world can change for the better.

Leader: Here, in the stillness of a winter's night, we gather to share the light of Christ, a light that shines in the nightfall.

Congregation: We gather in the wonder of this night to share our joy and thanks for new life.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

David and Christin Ayre & family

Reader: On the eve of our Christmas celebration, Jesus' birthday, we light all the candles of the Advent wreath. First, we light the candle for HOPE (Purple) because Jesus is our hope. Second, we light the candle for LOVE (Purple) because Jesus is love. Third, we light the candle for JOY (Pink) because Jesus brings joy. Fourth, we light the candle for PEACE (Purple) because Jesus brings peace. Finally, we light the white center candle. This is the CHRIST candle. Jesus is born. Jesus has come. Jesus is our salvation.

Reader: Here is a reading from **Galatians 4:4-5:**

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

Reader: Let us pray: Great God of love and light, we thank you now for the light of that special star over two thousand years ago that guided humble shepherds and learned wise men to the holy babe. Lead us now, by the light of your love, that we also may follow you to the new life in him. In celebration of the birthday of our King and our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

LEADING IN PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: *“Even as the heavens opened and angels spoke, the first word they sang was ‘Peace.’ Even as confused shepherds came from their hills and flocks, uncertain but hopeful, they greeted each other with ‘Peace.’ In the midst of our preparations and excitement, we take a moment to greet one another with a word of peace: peace in this place, peace in our homes, peace in this world...”*

Peace be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CAROL

Hark the Herald Angels Sing
**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 th’angelic host proclaim,
 “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”*
**Hark! The herald angels sing,
 “Glory to the newborn King!”**
**Christ by highest heav’n adored;
 Christ the everlasting Lord;
 late in time behold him come,
 offspring of a Virgin’s womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
 hail th’incarnate Deity,
 pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.**
**Hark! The herald angels sing,
 “Glory to the newborn King!”**

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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 we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.**

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Bob Green

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

Rick Sims

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Tim Smith

We Three Kings

Praise Team

**We Three Kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder Star**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King for ever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign**

**Star of Wonder, Star of Night
Star with Royal Beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect Light**

**Frankincense and moor to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh:
Prayer and praising voices raising
Worshiping God on high**

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb**

**O Star of Wonder, Star of Night
Star with Royal Beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect Light
Thy perfect Light**

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THE FIRST LESSON

CAROL

THE SECOND LESSON

CAROL

**Glorious now behold Him arise
King, and God, and Sacrifice;
Hallelujah hallelujah
Sounds through the earth and skies
Sounds through the earth and skies**

THE THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26-35

Robin Stanfield

CAROL

O Holy Night

Rick Sims and Robin Stanfield

THE FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

Mary D'Angelo

CAROL

What Child is This

Praise Team

**What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant, king to own Him
The King of Kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary**

THE FIFTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

Rev. Sean Stanfield

CAROL

Joy to the World

Children's Ministry

REFLECTION

Hopes and Fears

Rev. Sean Stanfield

BABY JESUS VIDEO

VIDEO

The Birth from the View of Kids

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of star and stable, you lead us to wonder and to hope. You gather us together to hear your promise of love. As we gather, we offer our concerns and our dreams, our hopes and fears... *(silence)*

Like the shepherds who sought the stable, we seek your promise of peace. We pray for your people broken by violence, those who live with fear, and

those who live without hope. We remember (*places/events in the world*), and we pray for your courage and peace... (*silence*)

Like the wise ones who dedicated their gifts, we remember those in need. We pray for those who are lonely, hungry, or forgotten; for those who are ill in body and in spirit; for those who are confused or afraid. We pray for your joy and love, for all your people, especially those we remember now... (*silence*)

Holy One, you came as a child, offering renewal of spirit and of living. May our prayers be a new beginning: for healing, truth, and trust. May we embody love that is forgiving, compassionate, and gracious. May we send back the angels' song of peace and joy. We pray these things in the name of Jesus who became the Christ, who taught us when we pray to say...

Congregation: 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new

covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Congregation: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Congregation: Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

*SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

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***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 hosts sign 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.

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*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!*

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: From this house to yours, may you share in the gifts of this season.
May love, the promise of generations, attend you.
Joy, the gift of life together, fill you.
Peace, the desire of neighbor and nations, find you.
Hope, the horizon of faith, sustain you.
And may a very Merry Christmas be yours.

Congregation: Amen

POSTLUDE

Melody Draper

*Please stand as you are able

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**Please join us on Sunday, December 26
for our Blended Worship Service
at 10:00 am**

NO Sunday School NO Fellowship Time



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