

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2021 • 7:00 PM

Welcome to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Tonight we proclaim the birth of the one who is Lord and Savior. Come and worship Christ the Lord.

Prelude

Songs of the Season

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming – Johannes Brahms

Weihnachtstraum (Silent Night) – Max Reger

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella - French Carol – Alfred V. Fedak

The Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol – Percy Grainger

Joy to the World – Michael Burkhardt

Welcome

Proclamation

Luke 2:10

I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.
Today in the town of David
a Savior has been born to you;
he is Christ the Lord.

***Carol** O Come, All Ye Faithful - #76:1,3,4

*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,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God, 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 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!*

***God's Greeting followed by Mutual Greetings**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Choir

Sussex Carol - On Christmas Night

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The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

Choir

Away in a Manger

Grotenhuis

***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.*

*For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.*

*How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.*

*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 Emmanuel.*

***The Shepherds and the Angels**

Luke 2:8-14

***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 the 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 the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us 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 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!"*

Meditation

The Shepherds Go to the Manger

Luke 2:15-18

Choir

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

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Meditation

Mary Ponders and the Shepherds Return

Luke 2:19-20

***Carol** Angels We Have Heard on High

*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Meditation

Choir

In the Bleak Midwinter

Holst/Ellingboe

Offering Announcement

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Carol** Joy to the World

*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.*

*Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns: let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the
sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the
sounding joy.*

*No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

*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, wonders of his love.*

***The Glory of Zion**

Isaiah 60:1-3

**Please stand in body or spirit*

***Lighting the Candles**

***Carol** *Silent Night*

*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 sing, "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!*

*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!"*

Please extinguish your candle before leaving the pew.

***Closing Prayer**

Postlude *Ding Dong! Merrily on High* – Gordon Young

Service Participants
Pianist: Derek Polischuk
Organist and Choir Director: Laurie Harkema
Accompanist: Kathleen Prince
Guitar: Jenny Sullivan
Readers: Pat Deventer, Dave VanderHaagen
Message: Pastor Brent Wassink
Lighting of the Christ Candle: Hannah Adler
Candlelighters: Ben and Beth Adler family
 Gary and Beverlee Henderson family
 Arlyn and Eunice Bossenbrook