

Family Christmas Service

December 24, 2021
4:00 PM

We are so glad you are here
to celebrate the birth of Christ
with us this afternoon.

Prelude *What Child is This?* - Rachel Banasik

Welcome and Mutual Greetings

*Call to Worship

Solo *O Holy Night* - Sophia Matheson

Opening Prayer

Kids' Choir *O Come All Ye Faithful*
Away in a Manger
Angel Band
Joy to the World

Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Offering Greater Lansing Food Bank and City Rescue Mission

*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.

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

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain

**please stand*

The Nativity

Luke 2:1-20, Matthew 2:9-11

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 bright sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

Carol *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!*

Carol *Joy to the World vss 1,3,4*

*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.*

*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.*

Lighting of the Christ Candle Irene Robinson

Children's Message

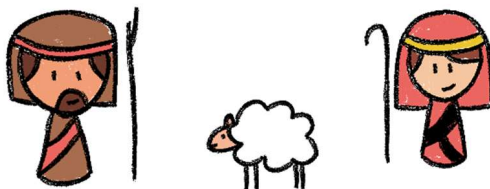
*Carol *Silent Night! Holy Night*

*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."*



***Carol**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain: ***Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.***

***While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.*** Refrain

***The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.*** Refrain

***Down in a lowly stable
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.*** Refrain

***Closing Prayer**

Postlude *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* - Rachel Banasik



*All children receive a Christmas blessing
and gift in the back of the sanctuary.*

Service Participants

Prelude, Postlude	Rachel Banasik
Pianist	Derek Polischuk
Call to Worship	Ian Claassens, Ilaria Claassens
Reading from Isaiah	Obi Xiong
Offering Announcement	Kenneth Bieber III
Prayer	Sam Xiong
Soloist	Sophia Matheson
Reading from Luke	Sandee DeVries
Kids' Choir Director	Laurie Harkema
Message	Pastor Brent Wassink
Lighting of the Christ Candle	Irene Robinson

Story Participants

Mary and Joseph	Veronica Polischuk, Landon Ritsema
Donkey	Leonie Ritsema
Caesar	Miles Polischuk
Soldiers	Nathan Mangiavellano, Camden Triezenberg
Townspeople	Emily Geers, Matt Geers, Finn Maki, Mike Robinson, Henk Smidt, Gertie TenBroeke, Sophie TenBroeke
Shepherds/Sheep... ..	Jonah Hofman, Isaac Mangiavellano, Dillon Maxwell, Grant McCullough, Kenton McCullough, Jacob Triezenberg
Head Angel	Tilly Smidt
Angels	Gemma Batterson, Emily DeBano, Drew Krueger, Gretchen Krueger, Mackenzie Maxwell, Rosie Mulder, Irene Robinson
Wisemen	Nathan Mangiavellano, Miles Polischuk, Cam Triezenberg
Helpers:	Kenneth Bieber III, Nora Krueger, Elise Maki