

Christmas Eve

Carols, Communion & Candlelight

December 24th, 2014

5:30 p.m.

PRELUDE *O Holy Night* *arr. Carter*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Behold! I bring good news of great joy which shall be for all the people.

All: To us is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

One: This will be a sign for us: we will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.

All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #41

+THE COLLECT & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR FORETOLD

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2-7 p. 598 OT

CAROL *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #2

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-9 p. 600 OT

CAROL *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* #48

THE ANNUNCIATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38 p. 49 NT

CAROL *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* #16

HE IS BORN!

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7 p. 50 NT

CAROL *Once in Royal David's City* #49, vv. 1,2

CAROL *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* #27, vv. 1,3

CAROL *Some Children See Him* *Hutson/Burt*
R. Dean Barr, soloist

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-16 p. 50 NT

+CAROL *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #31, vv. 1,3

+CAROL *Angels We Have Heard on High* #23, vv. 1,3

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12 p. 1 NT
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparatory Carol *I Wonder as I Wander* *Trad. Appalachian Carol*
Tuesday Reynolds, soloist

Great Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread & Communion of the People

Communion Carols

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #38, vv. 1,4

The First Nowell #56, vv. 1,2,6

In the Bleak Midwinter #36, vv. 1,3,4

O Little Town of Bethlehem #44, vv. 1,3,4

Away in a Manger #25, vv. 1,3

Prayer After Communion

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus Christ is Lord! Alleluia! Amen!

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

ANTHEM *A Winter Night* *Waggoner*
Adult Choir

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-5, 14 p. 79 NT

THE SPREADING OF THE LIGHT

The light will be dimmed and the pastor will light the candles of the ushers from the Christ Candle. The ushers will move out with the light, lighting the candle of the first worshiper in each pew. The light will then spread as it is passed from worshiper to worshiper. Remember that the lighted candle remains upright, and the unlighted candle is tipped to be lighted. Please wait until after the benediction to extinguish your candle.

CAROL *Silent Night* #60
Lyrics are printed on the back of the bulletin for your convenience.

+BENEDICTION

Following the benediction, please extinguish your candle and depart the sanctuary in silence.

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

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!

THIS EVENING...

- The liturgists are Kate Shockley, Helen Phillips, Richard Cano, Hazel Ramos-Cano, and Isaac Short.
- The acolytes are Corie and Madi Cozart.
- The bell ringer is Eliza Cozart.
- The sound board tech is Seth Reynolds.
- There is a nursery for those wishing to leave their infants and toddlers during the service. The nursery attendant is Kendra Hooker.
- There is no WOW Children's Worship this evening. Families are invited to spend the evening worshipping together.
- Please keep your candles lit until after the benediction. You may place your candle in the receptacle by the door on the way out.
- Anyone that has purchased a memorial/honorary poinsettia may take it home following the service.

COMMUNION THIS EVENING: We welcome all who follow Jesus to the Lord's Table this evening, including children. Parents who wish to go get their children from the nursery to celebrate communion as a family may do so during the singing of the Communion preparation anthem. Communion will be received via the method of intinction. At the appropriate time you are invited to come forward, break off a piece of bread, and proceed to the cup on the side of the sanctuary on which you are seated. Dip the bread in the cup in order to partake. Anyone for whom mobility is an issue is invited to remain seated and an elder will come serve you where you are.

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CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP is tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. This is an informal, come-as-you-are service, even if that means pajamas! (We always have a few each year!) We will sing carols, hear a story, and celebrate the birth of our Lord in fellowship with cookies and apple cider.

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