

Christmas Day

December 25th, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Adeste Fidelis

arr. J. Spong

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of one who brings good tidings.

All: **we receive good tidings of joy, words of peace, a message of salvation.**

One: Break forth into singing, for God has comforted the people, brought bloom to the wasteland, shown strength in all the nations.

All: **Word of the infant born in Bethlehem is our good news.**

One: Christ is born. The prophet's hopes are made flesh and our longings are made human in joy.

All: **Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is born today!**

+CAROL

All My Heart Today Rejoices

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IN THE BEGINNING

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

p. 2 OT

Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 22: 15-18

p. 17 OT

God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed

+CAROL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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THE PROMISE

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

p. 598 OT

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah: 11: 1-4a, 6-9

p. 600 OT

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.

+CAROL

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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GOD'S GIFT FROM HEAVEN

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-35, 38

p. 49 NT

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 1-7

p. 50 NT

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 8-16

p. 50 NT

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah

+CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

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HE IS BORN!

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-11

p. 1 NT

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus

SCRIPTURE

John 1: 1-14

p. 79 NT

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth

+CAROL

What Child Is This

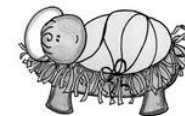
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+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God has come to us a little child, making our weakness his strength, securing our salvation by becoming one of us, blessing us with a steadfast savior, filling our hearts with joy to be shared with one another.

We believe that God has birthed righteousness and justice into the world, giving us a law that will be written upon our hearts, making the cause of the oppressed the highest priority, declaring an everlasting reign of peace, defeating the power of pain and suffering.

We believe that God calls us to participate in this reality of love, inviting us to proclaim Christ's resurrection at the Table, transforming us as disciples to go out into the world, sending us forth to announce his kingdom of peace and comfort, challenging us to see everyone as nothing less than beloved children.



OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella* *arr. C. Uehlein*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the fruits of the earth

+Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

+Prayer of Dedication

God of glory,

Your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night.

Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice, and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.

+CAROL *Joy to the World!* #40

+CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* *arr. W. Held*

THIS EVENING...

- The liturgists are Georgia Crews, Danny Wilson, Bridget Lamie, Chris Allen and Brennon Kimbler,
- There will be no W.O.W. today. All children are invited to remain in the sanctuary.
- There is a nursery for those wishing to leave their infants and toddlers during the service. The nursery attendant is Jan Hardman.



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