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*The Processional Hymn *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!

Refrain:
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! [Refrain]

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all Glory in the highest![Refrain]

The Welcome and Greeting

The Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - the Christ Candle

Can you feel the wonder of this holy night?

What is it?

It is the hope of prophets waiting for a savior.

It's the peace and wonder of shepherds on a hillside.

It is the joy of angels rejoicing in the heavens.

It is the love of a mother holding her newborn child.

To us is born a Savior!

Glory to God in the highest!

May the light of Christ fill our hearts and guide our lives.

May we always remember that God gave us the best gift of all:

A baby in a manger. Happy Birthday, Jesus!

The Response "Light the Advent Candle (Advent Song)' by Mary Lu Walker
Chancel Choir

*The Prayer of Adoration

Heavenly God, you blessed us greatly with a single, simple, humble birth. Help us to hear again the angels' voices and to feel anew the shepherd's wonder: that we may receive, as though for the first time, the good news of your great and gracious gift of the Christ child, and may respond with fresh faith to him and to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Wise Men Search for Jesus Matthew 2:1-8

The Choral Anthem "Angels' Carol" by John Rutter

The Wise Men are Led by the Star to Jesus Matthew 2:9-11

The Carol "What Child is This?" (verses 1&3) 53

**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?**

**Refrain: 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, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him. (Refrain)**

The Lighting of the Candles

Candle lighters will light the candle of the first person in each pew. Tip the unlit candle into the flame. Each person will light their candle from a candle next to them. Once everyone's candle is lit, we will join in "Silent Night"

The Carol "Silent Night" (verses 1&2)

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."

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

*Congregation standing for those who are able

Liturgist/Advent Wreath Lighters: Adam & Samantha Engel

Ushers: Adam Engel, Bonnie Engel, Sonia Hoepfner and Elexia Ortiz

The Christmas Eve Offering

The Offertory

*The Response

O Holy Night

sung by Erin Whitfield

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain” (chorus, verse 1, chorus)

Chorus:

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, Be hold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. [Chorus]

*The Prayer of Dedication

The Christmas Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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 Meditation

Chaos

Rev. Ted McCulloch

Service of Lessons and Carols

The Carol

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (verse 1)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand. Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.

The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:2-3a, 6-7

The Carol

“Joy to the World” (verses 1&2)

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 world! The Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ; While fields and floods, rock, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

The Angel Appears to Mary

Luke 1:26-38

The Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (verses 2 & 3)

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 God-head see; Hail the incarnate Deity, Please in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

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!”

Joseph and Mary Travel to Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-5

The 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.

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.

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:6-7

The Choral Anthem

“All Is Well”

by Kirkpatrick/Smith, arr. Larson

The Angels Appear to the Shepherds

Luke 2:8-14

The 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. Glo . . . ria, in excelsis Deo; Glo . . . ria, in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King. Glo . . . ria, in excelsis Deo; Glo . . . ria, in excelsis Deo.

The Shepherds Go to the Manger

Luke 2:15-16, 20

The Carol

The First Nowell (verses 1 & 2)

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep, on a cold winter night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the king of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the king of Israel.



Poinsettias



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Christmas Eve



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to God
in the highest,
and on earth
peace among
those with whom
he is pleased!”
Luke 2:14, ESV*

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