

## *Christmas Eve Service*

\* Congregation Standing – for those who are able  
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The Prelude      Divinum Mysterium – Phillips  
                    Gloria – Bedford  
                    Von Himmel der Engel Schar, BWV 607 - Bach  
                    Von Himmel hoch, da komm ich her, BWV 606 - Bach

## The Welcome

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath - the Christ Candle

Can you feel the wonder of this holy night?

## What is it?

**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 we always remember that God gave us the best gift of all:  
A baby in a manger. Happy Birthday, Jesus!**

**Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains  
prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your  
heavenly song? 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 Wise Men Search for Jesus

## Matthew 2:1-8

M. K. Beall

## The Wise Men are Led by the Star to Jesus

## Matthew 2:9-11

The Hymn Joy to the World 40  
**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.**

No more let sins and sorrows 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 make 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 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"

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\*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 Christmas Eve Offering

The Offertory      Candlelight Christmas Canon      M. McDonald  
Chancel Choir

\*The Response      "In the Bleak Midwinter" (verse 3)

**What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.  
But what I can I give Him, give my heart.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

The Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

The Meditation

Rev. Michael Hahn

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.**

## Lessons and Carols

The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:2-3a, 6-7

The Carol

Emmanuel, Come Soon  
Chancel Choir

D. Angerman

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The Angel Appears to Mary

Luke 1:26-38

The Hymn      *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*      5

**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. At His feet the six-winged seraph: Cherubim, with sleepless eye. Veil their faces to the presence. As with ceaseless voice they cry. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High.**

Joseph and Mary Travel to Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-5

The Carol      *Creator of the Stars of Night*      Traditional Latin Hymn  
Chancel Choir

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:6-7

The Hymn      *Go, Tell It On a Mountain*      29

**Chorus: Go, tell it on a mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere.  
Go, tell it on a mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**Verse 3: Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

**Chorus: Go, tell it on a mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere.  
Go, tell it on a mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

The Angels Appear to the Shepherds

Luke 2:8-14

The Carol      *Coventry Carol*      L. Larson  
JuBELLation Choir

The Shepherds Go to the Manger

Luke 2:15-16, 20

The Hymn      *Angels We Have Heard on High*      23

**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**

The Hymn

Silent Night

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**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.**

\*The Benediction

The Postlude

In Dulci Jublio, BWV 608

J.S. Bach

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**Liturgist and Advent Wreath Lighter:** Adam & Samantha Engel

**Ushers:**

**Greeter:** Cheryl Kelley

**Musical Talents:** Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry, the Chancel and JuBELLation Choirs, and Peggy Knutson - soloist

**Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for Worship and Sunday school.**

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*Christmas Eve*



**“Glory  
to God  
in the highest,  
and on earth  
peace among  
those with whom,  
he is pleased!”**

*Luke 2:14, ESV*

*Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians.*