

*December 24, 2020**Christmas Eve Service**5:30 p.m.*

Prelude *Night of Nights* arr. Agay & Eversole

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

God of Power unexpected, we want you to tear open the heavens and come down; to make mountain quake, water boil and star to fall until all nations trembles at your presence! But you will not perform according to our wants and whims. Instead you come like sound of sheer silence; Thin. Quiet. Instead you are born among us as an infant. Instead you show love made perfect in weakness. So, we will stay alert, or at least we will try because we are your people and there is no other God besides you. **Amen**

The Musical Response *While Shepherds Watched their Flocks* 58
**To you, in David's town, this day
 Is born of David's line
 The Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
 And this shall be the sign.**

A Lesson for the Children Pastor Philomena

The Christmas Eve Offering
 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.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Adam and Eve Disobey God**Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19**

That evening they heard the Lord God walking in the garden, and they hid from him among the trees. But the Lord God called out to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; I was afraid and hid from you, because I was naked." "Who told you that you were naked?" God asked. "Did you eat the fruit that I told you not to eat?" The man answered, "The woman you put here with me gave me the fruit, and I ate it." The Lord God asked the woman, "Why did you do this?" She replied, "The snake tricked me into eating it."

The 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

The Benediction

The Postlude

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Music – Michael Wechter, Peggy Knutson, Deanna Patton, Karen Schadel and Ethan Hoepfner.

Livestream Operator – Matthew Wilkins

A Blessed Christmas to you and your family!

The Carol *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (verses 1&3)* 38

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
 From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold;
 "Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all gracious King":
 The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.
 And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,
 Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
 Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing;
 O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing.

The Grace of God has Appeared Titus 2:11-14

For God has revealed his grace for the salvation of all people. That grace instructs us to give up ungodly living and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this world, as we wait for the blessed Day we hope for, when the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ will appear. He gave himself for us, to rescue us from all wickedness and to make us a pure people who belong to him alone and are eager to do good.

The Special Music *Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child* African American Spiritual

An Angel Appear to Mary- Luke 1:26-35, 38

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!" Mary was deeply troubled by the Angel's message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you.

You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end!" Mary said to the angel, "I am a virgin. How, then, can this be?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason, the holy child will be called the Son of God. "I am the Lord's servant," said Mary; "may it happen to me as you have said." And the angel left her.

The Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* 41

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
 With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"

Mary Gives birth in Bethlehem Luke 2:1-7

At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own hometown. Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

The 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 sky looked down where He lay,
 The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
 Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
 And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there

Angels Announce the Messiah Luke 2:8-14

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Savior was born Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great army of



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