

Order of Worship for Christmas Eve: Traditional Worship

December 24, 2020, 2:00 pm

Instrumentalists

Chris Garofalo, Piano, Organ
Eric Pidluski, Violin
Christine Chon, Violin
Lerryn Schaefer Donatelle, Viola
Andrew Molina, Cello

Prelude

Comfort Ye – Every Valley from *Messiah*
by George Frideric Handel
with Marty Matutis, Tenor

Welcome

with Pastor Hannah, Lead Pastor

Opening Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful, UMH 234 (verses 1–4 & 6)
with Chris DiMarco, Cantor

Verse 1

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;

Chorus

O come, let us adore Him, [x3]
Christ the Lord

Verse 2

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal
Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Chorus

Verse 3

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
o sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest;

Chorus

Verse 4

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

Chorus

Verse 6

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Chorus

Opening Prayer

with Pastor Jeremiah, Associate Pastor



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Lighting of the Christmas Candle

with the DeCamp family

Response

Ave Maria by Giulio Caccini
with String Quartet and Organ, arranged by Chris Garofalo

Passing of the Peace/ Sharing Christmas Greetings

with Pastor Jeremiah, Associate Pastor

Song

Some People See Him by Alfred Burt
with Mary Elliott, Soprano
arranged by Christopher Marlowe,
string quartet arrangement by Chris Garofalo

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7
with Katie de Waard

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you

have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Gospel Acclamation

Gloria
with Minji Will, Soprano

Gospel

Luke 2:1-20
with Katie de Waard

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ² All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for

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them in the inn.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Song

Quia fecit mihi magna from *Magnificat*
by Johann Sebastian Bach
with Chris DiMarco, Baritone

Sermon

Fearless God
with Pastor Hannah

Hymn of Response

Angels We Have Heard on High, UMH 238
with Minji Will, Cantor

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Chorus

Gloria in excelsis Deo. [x2]

Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

Chorus

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Chorus

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Verse 4

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Christmas Prayer

with Pastor Jeremiah

The Lord's Prayer

with Brenda DeGeer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Song

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, UMH 240
with Marty Matutis, Cantor

Verse 1

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

Chorus

Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!

Verse 2

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel

Chorus

Verse 3

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth

Chorus

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Offertory Invitation

with Suzanne Wills

Christ the Savior is born.
Christ the Savior is born!

Offertory

Once in Royal David's City by HJ Gauntlett
with Minji Will, Soprano

Verse 3

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.

Sharing Christmas Lights

with Pastor Hannah

Verse 4

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!

Song

Silent Night, Holy Night, UMH 239
with Chris DiMarco, Cantor

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar;
heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia!'

Strophe 1

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht
nur das traute hochheilige Paar
Holder Knabe mit lockigem Haar,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

Benediction

with Pastor Hannah

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Sending Hymn

Joy to the World, UMH 246
with Mary Elliott, Cantor

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns; let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

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.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders, of his love.

Postlude

Carol of the Bells by Mykola Leontovych
with Marty Matutis, Tenor