

Christmas Eve

at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church



December 24, 2020

The Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

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The Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

PRELUDE

Joy to the World
Rejoice and Be Merry
Sussex Carol
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
Away in the Manger
What Child Is This?
Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella

arr. Richard Price
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arr. Steven Heitzer
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WORDS OF WELCOME

Agnes W. Norfleet

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Katherine Brown & Corinne Brown

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild;
Jesus Christ, her little child.

3 Jesus is our childhood's pattern;
day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless;
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

2 He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

4 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION *(in unison)*

Brian K. Ballard

Loving God, it is our duty and delight
to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels,
to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem
to see this thing which has come to pass,
and to worship the babe lying in a manger.

Give us grace to accept the Christ who comes in your name,
and the courage to be his faithful disciples
for the sake of the world you so love. Amen.

INVITATORY CAROL

Up! Good Christian Folk, and Listen

arr. Rev. George Ratcliffe Woodward

Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Ding-dong, ding: ding-a-dong-a-ding: ding-dong, ding-dong: ding-a-dong-ding.
Up! Good Christian folk, and listen how the merry church bells ring, and from steeple bid
good people come adore the newborn King: Tell the story how from glory God came down at
Christmastide, bringing gladness, chasing sadness, showering blessings far and wide, born
of mother, blest o'er other, Ex Maria Virgine (of the virgin Mary), in a stable ('tis no fable),
Christus natus hodie (Christ was born today). Ding-dong, ding: ding-a-dong-a-ding: ding-
dong, ding-dong: ding-a-dong-ding.

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Leigh DeVries

CHOIR CAROL

There Is No Rose

Philip W. J. Stopford

Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu: Alleluia. For in this rose contained
was Heaven and earth in little space; Res miranda. By that rose we may well see there be
one God in persons three, Pares forma. The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in
excelsis Deo! Gaudeamus. Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus.

JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM

Luke 2:1-7

Franklyn C. Pottorff

CHOIR CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Dale Warland

Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

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. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth; For Christ is born of Mary; and
gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O
holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us
today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell: O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

THE ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8-20

Rachel Pedersen

CHOIR CAROL

Gaudete

Steven Sametz

Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born of the virgin Mary, rejoice! It is now the time of grace that we
have desired; Let us sing songs of joy, let us give devotion. God was made man, and nature
 marvels; The world was renewed by Christ who is King. The closed gate of Ezechiel has been
passed through; From where the light rises salvation is found. Therefore let our assembly
now sing, sing the Psalms to purify us; Let it praise the Lord: Greetings to our King.

GOD OUR SAVIOR APPEARED

Titus 3:4-7

Brian K. Ballard

See the child that Mary bore on her lap so softly sleeping in a stable cold and poor, ox and ass their vigil keeping. Sing lullaby, sing lullaby, my own dear child; Lullaby, sing lullaby; Lullaby my little baby. Flights of angels round his head sing him joyful hymns of greeting: 'Peace on earth, goodwill to men' each to each the song repeating. Sing lullaby, sing lullaby, my own dear child; Lullaby, sing lullaby; Lullaby my little baby. Shepherds kneeling by his bed offer homage without measure; by a bright star led, bring him gifts of richest treasure. Sing lullaby, sing lullaby, my own dear child; Lullaby, sing lullaby; Lullaby my little baby

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

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| <p>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 th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"</p> | <p>3 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!"</p> |
| <p>2 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 Godhead see;
Hail th' incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"</p> | |

SERMON

Do Not Be Afraid

Agnes W. Norfleet

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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| <p>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;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.</p> | <p>3 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born
this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in
flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore Him, O
come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.</p> |
| <p>2 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.</p> | |

God of mystery and might, we praise and worship you,
 for you came in silence, while all lay sleeping,
 to enter our world as a child of humble birth.
 We thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, born of your handmaid Mary.
 In Christ's face we behold your glory,
 for in his life as in his death is your gift of salvation.
 By your Spirit, make our hearts burn with thanksgiving,
 that we may give as we have received.
 Let our whole lives be gifts of praise to you,
 God of love and peace. In the gracious name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

INVITATION TO CANDLE LIGHTING John 1:1-5, 14

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHOIR CAROL

I Will Light Candles This Christmas

Kim André Arnesen

I will light candles this Christmas; Candles of joy despite all sadness, candles of hope where despair keeps watch, candles of courage for fears ever present, candles of peace for tempest-tossed days, candles of grace to ease heavy burdens, candles of love to inspire all my living, candles that will burn all year long. When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among others, to make music in the heart.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

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.

2 Silent night, holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight,
 Glories stream from heaven afar,
 Heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia;
 Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

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.

BENEDICTION

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

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The Marriage of Ashley M. F. Johnson & Eddie Zhang

Merry Christmas

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