



Our Vision

*is to be Christ to each other and our
community – doing justice, loving mercy
and walking humbly with our God.*

Sunday, December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

The Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music

James R. Murray
arr. Robert D. Vandall

Away in a Manger

Marcia Harris, piano; Rebecca Turner, piano

Lighting the Christ Candle

Diana and Randy Wright

The Choral Call to Worship

13th Century Plainsong
arr. by Paul Wohlgemuth

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Sanctuary Choir

(Recorded December 22, 2019)

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending, he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Savior of our race,
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his face,
evermore and evermore!

Telling the Story: The Birth of Jesus

Bill Fields

Luke 2:1-7; NRSV

Carol

IRBY

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.
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.
3. For he is our childhood's pattern; day by day on earth he grew;
he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

Telling the Story: The Announcement to the Shepherds
Luke 2:8-14; NRSV

Lauren Barker

Carol

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Telling the Story: Come and See

McCall Johnson

Luke 2:15-20; NRSV

Carol

GO TELL IT

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*
2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*
3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

The Pastoral Reflection

Matt Johnson

The Musical Reflection

Music by Adolphe Adam
English texts by John Sullivan Dwight

O Holy Night

Suzanne Brown, soprano; Rebecca Turner, piano

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til he appears and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees; O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night, O holy night, O night divine.

Truly he taught us to love one another,
His law is love and his gospel is Peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name, all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise his holy name.
Christ is the Lord; O praise his name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim,
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The Offertory Prayer

Gerald Keown

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music

Rick and Sylvia Powell
arr. Tom Fettke

Peace, Peace

Sherami Harris, soprano; Lori League, mezzo-soprano; Susan Plemmons, alto
(Recorded December 29, 2019)

Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all.
This is a time for joy, this is a time for love.
Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.

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.

The Christmas Doxology

OLD 100th

O Glorious God, Your Praise We Sing

O glorious God, your praise we sing
and give our lives as offering;
Spirit of Christ, within us dwell.
Come, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Amen.

The Lighting of Candles

Carol

STILLE NACHT

Silent Night, Holy Night

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, 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.

3. 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

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

GREENSLEEVES
arr. Ralph Manuel

What Child is This

Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

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Our Senior Pastor, Matt Johnson, will be on vacation from Friday, December 25, until January 2, 2021. Please contact, Lee Anne Bailie at 864-415-1480 or Angie Quinn at 864-978-7404.

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