

CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2020
3:00, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE Carla Barrows, Organ and Strings

WELCOME Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP “How Great Our Joy” by Courtney. Men’s Quartet

*While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.
How great our joy, how great our joy.*

*There shall be born, so did he say,
In Bethlehem a Child today.
How great our joy, how great our joy.*

*There shall a Child lie in a stall,
This Child who shall redeem us all.
This gift of God we’ll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.
Praise we the Lord! Praise we the Lord
In heav’n on high! Praise we the Lord.*

How great our joy. How great our joy.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

C 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 and ever. Amen.

SOLO “O Holy Night” by Adolphe Adam, John Dwight. Soloist - Anna Diemer

READING Genesis 3:8-15

R They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” (ESV)

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HYMN “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” LSB 386, vs. 1, 2

Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav’n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!

READING Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

R The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. (ESV)

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HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” LSB 357, vs. 1, 4, 5

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree, Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save, And give them vict’ry o’er the grave. **Refrain**

O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. **Refrain**

READING Micah 5:2

R But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me One who is to be Ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. (ESV)

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CAROL “O Little Town of Bethlehem” LSB 361, vs. 1, 2, 4

ALL: 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.

ENSEMBLE: *For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!*

ALL: 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 Immanuel!

READING Luke 1:26-38

R In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the Child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her. (ESV)

ANTHEM “Mary Did You Know?” . . . Randy Boatright, Lee Williams and
by Lowry and Greene Robert Gomez

READING Luke 2:1-7

R In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to

Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (ESV)

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CAROL "Away in a Manger" LSB 364

CHILDREN: 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.

WOMEN: The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

ALL: 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 take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

READING Luke 2:8-16

R And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger. (ESV)

CAROL "Angels We Have Heard on High" LSB 368

ALL: Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

ENSEMBLE: *Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain*

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

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ANTHEM "The First Noel" arr. David Chase Ensemble

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.
The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in the fields where they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born, born, born is the King!
Born, born, born is the King!
Born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave a great light,
And so it continued both day and night.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King, born is the King,
Born is the King of Israel.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.
Born is the King, born is the King,
Born is the King of Israel.
Born is the King of Israel.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Birthday Cake for Jesus" Haley Davisson

CANDLE LIGHTING

CAROL "Silent Night, Holy Night" LSB 363

ALL: 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.

ENSEMBLE: *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!*

ALL: 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

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C Amen.

CAROL “Joy to the World” LSB 387, vs. 1, 3, 4

ALL: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

ENSEMBLE: *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.*

ALL: 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 “Joy to the World” arr. by Fred Bock Carla Barrows, Organ

Christmas Eve Ensemble

- Anna Diemer
- Peggy Schappaugh
- Rachel Gehman
- Cindy Deere
- Lee Williams
- Randy Boatright
- Robert Gomez
- Eric Mueller

- Mary Voigt, Director
- Carla Barrows, Organist



POINSETTIAS



Given by

Given in

James and Angela Avant	Thanksgiving for our children: Candace, Chelsea and Travis
James and Angela Avant	Memory of father, Anthony M. Garcia
James and Angela Avant	Thanksgiving for our grandsons: Noah, Luke, Christopher and Joseph
James and Angela Avant	Thanksgiving for God's Many Blessings in our lives
Wil and Julie Bertrand	Memory of Arthur and Anna Nimsk
Wil and Julie Bertrand	Memory of Roy and Dorothy Bertrand
Pastor Donald and Audrey Black	Memory of Guy & Lucille Black and Theodore & Bertha Rueter
Pastor Donald and Audrey Black	Thanksgiving for Daughters, Sons-in-law and Granddaughters
Robin Black	Thanksgiving for my daughter, Elaina, and our family
Montie Callager	Memory of Chris Callager
Betty Anne Curtin	Memory of Jim Curtin
Cindy Deere	Memory of Etienne Ulrich
David and Cindy Deere	Thanksgiving for our kids: Jessie, Jeremy and Ginny
Lou Faszholz	Memory of Faye Faszholz
Lou Faszholz	Memory of Esther and Louis Faszholz
Lou Faszholz	Memory of Viola and Roland Schroeder
Gregory and Ann Gunn	Thanksgiving for the gift of our whole family
Gregory and Ann Gunn	Thanksgiving for God's presence in our lives, every single day
Bill & Vicki Harkrider	Memory of Julie Drews May
Delmas and Marie Heinke	Family, Good Health and God's Blessings
Mel and Lil Hohle	Thanks to God for sending His Son
Mel and Lil Hohle	Memory of Jeanie Hohle and Keith Gravesmill
Bo and Lisa Hopmann	Memory of Ernest O. Hopmann Jr.
Bo and Lisa Hopmann	Memory of Rosemary Hopmann
Bo and Lisa Hopmann	Memory of Roseline "Babs" Pillaert
Bo and Lisa Hopmann	Memory of Laura Ward
John, Jonathan, Olga, Kimberly, and Jason Kieschnick	Memory of Elaine Kieschnick
Herb and Arlene Koerselman	Memory of Lisa Koerselman
Ron, LaNell, Andrew and Jeffrey Lacy	Memory of Nellwyn Graham
Ron, LaNell, Andrew and Jeffrey Lacy	Memory of Curtis Graham
Ron, LaNell, Andrew and Jeffrey Lacy	Memory of Bettye Lacy
Ron, LaNell, Andrew and Jeffrey Lacy	Memory of Robert Lacy
Laumen Family	Memory of Rayford Barrett
Spencer (Krumholz) Lockwood	Memory of Julie Drews May
John and Kelly Menke	Memory of Abigail and Aidan
John and Kelly Menke	Honor of the Turano Family
John and Kelly Menke	Honor of Michael and Mark
John and Kelly Menke	Honor of Elizabeth and Thomas
John and Kelly Menke	Memory of Johnny Menke, George Sharp, Maurine Sharp and Waco Smith
John and Kelly Menke	Honor of Dorothy Menke Smith and Verna Casteel
Jean Minsch (2)	Glory to God
Hunter and Peggy Schappaugh	Memory of mother, Edna Krause
Sherri Schroeder	Memory of husband, Troy Browne and father, Wilbert Schroeder
Sherri Schroeder	Honor of all Covid victims and medical personnel
Doug and Gwynne Shackelford	Memory of Allan Shackelford
The Family of Fred Stoerkel	Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Stoerkel and Mr. Fred W. Stoerkel
The Family of Fred Stoerkel	Memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Taube and Mr. Albert T. Taube
Mary Voigt	Loving memory of Bob Voigt
Mary Voigt	Loving memory of our daughter, Kathy Voigt Nuernberg
Mary Voigt	Thanksgiving for my wonderful grandchildren: Em, Ethan, Landry, Caden and Cody
Sandra Worchesik	Memory of James D. Worchesik
Sandra Worchesik	Loving memory of Steve M. Worchesik, Jr.
Sandra Worchesik	Memory of parents: Mr. & Mrs. Grady Johnson and Mr. & Mrs. Steve Worchesik, Sr.

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