
Worship with Children's Pageant at 4:00 p.m.

Prelude (*Please join in singing these carols*)

Carols 119, 123, 129, 132, 143

Introit

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" A. E. Rusbridge

Processional

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring" Gustav Holst

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Carol 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

First Lesson: LUKE 1:26-33, 38 New Testament, page 53

Mary's Song "Magnificat" by C. Winfred Douglas

Anthem

"Come, Messiah, Come" Becki Slagle Mayo

Second Lesson: LUKE 2:1-7 New Testament, page 54

Carol 115 (*congregation remains seated*) "Away in a Manger"
(*Children in **shepherd** and **animal** costumes are invited to come forward at the start of the hymn*)

Third Lesson: LUKE 2:8 New Testament, page 54

*Carol 136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
(*Children in **angel** costumes are invited to come forward at the start of the hymn*)

Fourth Lesson: LUKE 2:9-14 New Testament, page 54

Anthem

"Angels We Have Heard on High" Edward S. Barnes

Fifth Lesson: LUKE 2:15-20 New Testament, page 55

Anthem

"What Child Is This?" English ballad
(*All children in costumes return to their parents*)

Sixth Lesson: MATTHEW 2:1-2, 10-11 New Testament, page 1

Anthem

"We Three Kings" John H. Hopkins Jr.

**Stand as you are able.*

Presentation of the White Gifts

The congregation remains seated and sings the first four verses of “The First Nowell,” Carol 147. During this hymn, children are welcome to come forward to place by the manger gifts of socks (known as “White Gifts” from the long tradition of wrapping the socks in plain white paper).

Offertory Anthems

“Lift Up Your Heads” Michael Praetorius; arr. Larry Shackley
“Ding-Dong! Merrily on High!” Rosephanye Powell

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Homily. Matt Helms

Spreading the Light (*congregation remains seated*)

Songs of Praise (*congregation remains seated*)

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.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the 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.

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!”

Silence

*Carol 134. “Joy to the World”

*Benediction

Postlude: Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol Gerald Near

Family Service at 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice Johann Sebastian Bach
Noël José Jesús Estrada
The Snow Lay on the Ground Leo Sowerby
Lullaby Calvin Hampton

Introit

“Under the Stars” George F. Reynolds

Opening Responses Shannon J. Kershner

Leader: *Do not be afraid; for see—*

I am bringing you good news of great joy.

People: **To us is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.**

Leader: *This will be a sign for you:*

you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace!**

Leader: *Let us go now to Bethlehem.*

*Carol 133 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: *We light the Christ candle to symbolize God’s promise fulfilled.*

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.

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to all people.

People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

Anthem

“Shepherd’s Pipe Carol” John Rutter

A Time with Children Rocky Supinger

*Carol 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

The Story of Jesus’ Birth: LUKE 2:1–20. New Testament, page 54

*Carol 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Homily Shannon J. Kershner

*Carol 115 “Away in a Manger”

Prayer	Rocky Supinger
Offering	
Offertory Anthem	
“Cradle Hymn”	Kim André Arnesen
The Light Shines: JOHN 1:1–5	New Testament, page 86
Spreading the Light: “Silent Night”	(see front cover of bulletin for words)
Sentences of Light	
*Carol 119	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
*Benediction	Shannon J. Kershner
Postlude	
Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol	Gerald Near

4:00 Children’s Pageant

Matt Helms <i>Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry</i>	Kira Gallenbeck The Youth, Cherub, and Children’s Choirs
Briana Belding-Peck <i>Family Ministry Coordinator</i>	Katy Sinclair <i>Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth</i>
Cecelia Burt	Hsing-Huei Huang <i>Pianist</i>
Jamesy McMillan	John W. W. Sherer <i>Organist and Director of Music</i>
Chloe and Elle Hansen	Shawn M. Fiedler <i>Ministerial Associate for Worship</i>
Mari Bahnfleth	Nanette Sawyer <i>Associate Pastor</i>
Jack Ramsey	

6:00 Family Service

Shannon J. Kershner <i>Pastor</i>	Thomas E. Gouwens <i>Associate Organist</i>
Rocky Supinger <i>Associate Pastor</i>	The Chancel Choir
John W. W. Sherer <i>Organist and Director of Music</i>	Shawn M. Fiedler <i>Ministerial Associate for Worship</i>
	Judith L. Watt <i>Associate Pastor</i>

8:00 and 10:00 Service of Lessons and Carols

Shannon J. Kershner <i>Pastor</i>	Shawn M. Fiedler <i>Ministerial Associate for Worship</i>
Victoria G. Curtiss <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Mary Lenox and Andrew McGaan <i>Members (8:00)</i>
Matt Helms <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Melanie Oh Pierce and Kathryn Burkhardt <i>Members (10:00)</i>
Rocky Supinger <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Tower Brass; Morning Choir; Laura Perkett, <i>Soloist</i>
Judith L. Watt <i>Associate Pastor</i>	John W. W. Sherer <i>Organist and Director of Music</i>
Nanette Sawyer <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Thomas E. Gouwens <i>Associate Organist</i>
Joseph L. Morrow <i>Minister for Evangelism</i>	Matthew Comerford <i>Artistic Director of Tower Brass</i>
Jeffrey Doane <i>Parish Associate</i>	

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Service of Lessons and Carols at 8:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Prelude

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine	Hieronymus Praetorius
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice	Johann Sebastian Bach
In the Bleak Midwinter.	Gustav Holst
Noël	José Jesús Estrada
Christ Is Born Today	Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
The Snow Lay on the Ground	Leo Sowerby
What Child Is This	Searle Wright
Lullaby	Calvin Hampton
O Holy Night	Adolphe Adam

Introit

“Under the Stars” George F. Reynolds

*Opening Sentences Shannon J. Kershner

*Carol 140 “Once in Royal David’s City” (*stanza 1 sung by soloist*)

*Prayer for Christmas Eve

Leader: *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.*

People: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth. Alleluia!

All: Living God, on this holy night we gather—
to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory;
to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;
to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;
to sit with Mary, cradling your love.
May the good news of this night inspire us
to tell the world of our great joy:
for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.
Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.

Lesson: ISAIAH 9:2–7 (*O.T., p. 600*) Mary Lenox (8:00)
Melanie Oh Pierce (10:00)

Anthem

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Hugo Distler

Lesson: ISAIAH 11:1–4, 6–9 (*O.T., p. 602*) Andrew McGaan (8:00)
Kathryn Burkhardt (10:00)

**Stand as you are able.*

*Carol 121	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Lesson: LUKE 1:26–35, 38 (N.T., p. 53)	Judith L. Watt
Anthem	
“Shepherd’s Pipe Carol”	John Rutter
Lesson: LUKE 2:1–7 (N.T., p. 54)	Matt Helms
*Carol 133	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Lesson: LUKE 2:8–20 (N.T., p. 54)	Shannon J. Kershner
Homily	
*Carol 113	“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Lesson: MATTHEW 2:1–12 (N.T., p. 1)	Victoria G. Curtiss
Prayer	Lucy Forster-Smith
Offering	
Offertory Anthem: “Cradle Hymn”	Kim André Arnesen
Lesson: JOHN 1:1–5 (N.T., p. 86)	Joseph L. Morrow
Spreading the Light: “Silent Night”	(see front cover of bulletin for words)
Sentences of Light	Rocky Supinger and Nanette Sawyer
*Carol 119	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
*Benediction	
*Choral Response: “Beside Thy Cradle, Here I Stand”	J. S. Bach
Postlude: Go Tell It on the Mountain	African American spiritual arr. Aaron David Miller

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We invite you to worship with us throughout the Christmas season!

- Tuesday, December 25 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day service
- Sunday, December 30 8:00 a.m. (with Communion)
- 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Christmastide Lessons and Carols
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Jazz (with Communion)
- Monday, December 31 7:30 p.m. New Year’s Eve Taizé service

Gifts supporting Christmastime Sanctuary adornments have
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