

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



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,
heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born!"

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.

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.

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

Prelude (<i>Please join in singing these carols</i>)	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, Come, Emmanuel"	Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo
Second Lesson :: LUKE 2:1–7	New Testament, page 54
Carol 115 (<i>congregation remains seated</i>)	"Away in a Manger"
<i>(Children in shepherd and animal costumes are invited to come forward at the start of the hymn)</i>	
Third Lesson :: LUKE 2:8–9.	New Testament, page 54
*Carol 136	"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
<i>(Children in angel costumes are invited to come forward at the start of the hymn)</i>	
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
<i>(All children in costumes return to their parents)</i>	
Sixth Lesson :: MATTHEW 2:1–2, 10–11	New Testament, page 1
Anthem :: "We Three Kings"	John H. Hopkins Jr.

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

“People, Look East” Besançon carol
“Ding-Dong! Merrily on High!” Rosephanye Powell

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*) The Hymnal, page 35

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 :: Noel Malcolm Archer

Family Service at 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful Patricia A. Sanders
What Child Is This Ralph Vaughan Williams
Angels We Have Heard on High P. Sanders
Carol Gerald Finzi
Joy to the World P. Sanders

*Introit :: “Away in a Manger” William J. Kirkpatrick

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 :: “The Holly and the Ivy” 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 112	“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”
Prayer	<i>Rocky Supinger</i>
Offering	
Offertory Anthem :: “What Sweeter Music Can We Bring”	John Rutter
The Light Shines :: JOHN 1:1–5	New Testament, page 86
Spreading the Light	“Silent Night” (<i>see front cover of bulletin for words</i>)
Sentences of Light	<i>Rocky Supinger and Youth</i>
*Carol 119	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
*Benediction	<i>Shannon J. Kershner</i>
Postlude :: Noel	Malcolm Archer

4:00 Children’s Pageant

Nanette Sawyer <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Dylan Lukens
Briana Belding-Peck	Lucy Chong
<i>Family Ministry Coordinator</i>	Youth, Cherub, and Children’s Choirs
Samantha Borg-Breen	Katy Sinclair <i>Associate Director of Music</i>
Evan Tkach	<i>for Children and Youth</i>
Jacob Jurgens	Hsing-Huei Huang <i>Pianist</i>
Ethan Kennington	John W. W. Sherer <i>Organist and Director of Music</i>

6:00 Family Service

Shannon J. Kershner <i>Pastor</i>	John W. W. Sherer <i>Organist and Director of Music</i>
Rocky Supinger <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Thomas E. Gouwens <i>Associate Organist</i>
Chancel Choir	Briana Belding-Peck, <i>Director of the Handbell Choir</i>
Handbell Choir	

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

Shannon J. Kershner <i>Pastor</i>	Justin Epps and Hope Daniels <i>Members</i> (8:00)
Victoria G. Curtiss <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Roger Wilson, <i>Member</i> ; Lois Snively, <i>Seminary Intern</i> (10:00)
Rocky Supinger <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Tower Brass; Morning Choir; Laura Perkett, <i>Soloist</i>
Nanette Sawyer <i>Associate Pastor</i>	John W. W. Sherer <i>Organist and Director of Music</i>
Joseph L. Morrow <i>Minister for Evangelism</i>	Thomas E. Gouwens <i>Associate Organist</i>
Jeffrey Doane <i>Parish Associate</i>	Matthew Comerford <i>Artistic Director of Tower Brass</i>

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The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

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

Prelude

O Magnum Mysterium Morten Lauridsen
Noël Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier
In the Bleak Mid-Winter Gustav Holst
La Nativité. Jean Langlais
Of the Father's Love Begotten William Berry
What Child Is This Ralph Vaughan Williams
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Michael Praetorius
Carol Gerald Finzi
O Holy Night Adolphe Adam

Introit :: "Away in a Manger" William J. Kirkpatrick

*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: **Give us, O God, such love and wonder that with shepherds and magi,
and pilgrims unknown, we may come to adore the holy child,
your Love-Made-Flesh, and with our gifts worship him.
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*) Justin Epps (8:00); Roger Wilson (10:00)

Anthem :: "The Holly and the Ivy" John Rutter

Lesson :: ISAIAH 11:1–4, 6–9 (*O.T., p. 602*) Hope Daniels (8:00); Lois Snavely (10:00)

*Carol 121	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Lesson :: LUKE 1:26–35, 38 (N.T., p. 53)	Joseph L. Morrow (8:00); Jeff Doane (10:00)
Anthem :: “Joys Seven”	Stephen Cleobury
Lesson :: LUKE 2:1–7 (N.T., p. 54)	Victoria G. Curtiss
*Carol 133	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Lesson :: LUKE 2:8–20 (N.T., p. 54)	Shannon J. Kershner
Homily	Shannon J. Kershner
*Carol 113	“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Lesson :: MATTHEW 2:1–12 (N.T., p. 1)	Victoria G. Curtiss (8:00); Jeff Doane (10:00)
Prayer	Lucy Forster-Smith
Offering	
Offertory Anthem :: “What Sweeter Music Can We Bring”	John Rutter
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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