

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 24, 2021 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight / Communion Service

PRELUDE

Greg Beck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and see!
People: We hear the call of Love, ringing in our ears.
Leader: Come and see!
People: We see the light of stars and candles, leading the way!
Leader: Come and see!
People: We long for a sign, an experience, to know God face to face.
Leader: Come and see!
People: We come, to be part of God's story of Love.

*HYMN *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*HYMN *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE – THE PROPHECY

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-9
Jeremiah 23: 5-6
Micah 5:2-4

Poetry: "The Coming of God" Ann Weems

*HYMN *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION: (read responsively)

Leader: Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people.
People: God's grace has appeared for the salvation of all people!
Leader: For to you is born a Savior who is Christ the Lord.
People: God's grace has appeared for the salvation of all people!
Leader: And the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace."
People: God's grace has appeared for the salvation of all people!
Leader: Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

People: God's grace has appeared for the salvation of all people.
Leader: Therefore live sober, upright, and godly lives.
All: Awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*HYMN *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE – THE FULFILLMENT

Scripture: Matthew 1: 18- 25
Luke 2: 1-7

Poetry: "Mary , Nazareth Girl" Ann Weems

SPECIAL MUSIC

"O Holy Night" Lisa Yeomans

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE – THE WITNESSES

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1- 12
Luke 2: 8- 20

Poetry: "Unexpected" Ann Weems
"God So Loved The World"

*HYMN *"Angels, We Have Heard On High"*

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Music: Lisa Yeomans & Greg Beck

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: . . . forever sing to the glory of your name:

(sung to tune of "Angels from the Realms of Glory")

**People: Holy, Holy, Lord most Holy,
God of power and God of might;
Heaven and Earth reveal your glory,
Hail, hosanna, Lord of Light!
Blessed be the coming Savior,
Hail hosanna, Lord of Light!**

Leader: Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
People: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND BLESSING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of His body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE – THE LIGHT HAS COME

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*HYMN *“Silent Night! Holy Night”*

*HYMN *“Away In A Manger”*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 270 *“Joy To The World”*

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“Jesus Christ Is Born!”
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[*] = CONGREGATION STANDING (if able)

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

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

Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel – Shall come to thee O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer – Our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And deaths dark shadows put to flight.

O Come, Desire of nations bind – All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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!

*Chorus: O come, let us adore Him! O Come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exaltation,
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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 Little Town of Bethlehem – Continued)

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 men on earth.

How silently, how silently – The wondrous gift is given.
So God imparts to human hearts – The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still – The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend on 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.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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 the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heav'n 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 as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Son of Righteousness,
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH!

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

*Chorus: Glo oooo, o oooo, o oooo, oria, in excelsis De-o,
Glo oooo, o oooo, o oooo, oria, in excelsis De-o.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord the Newborn King.

SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT

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.

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.

AWAY IN A MANGER

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.

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 side until morning is nigh.

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 fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

JOY TO THE WORLD!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart, prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, Repeat, the sounding joy.

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, and wonders, of His love.