

Special Music: "What Child is This?" Joel Raney
Jonathan Williams, piano & Elizabeth Morgan, piano

*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,
Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing,
"Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.*

*Morning Star, O cheering sight!
Ere Thou cam'st how dark earth's
night!*

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night!**

*Jesus mine, In me shines;
In me shine, Jesus Mine;
Fill my heart with light divine.*

*Morning Star, Thy glory bright
Far excels the sun's clear light;
Morning Star, Thy glory bright
Far excels the sun's clear light;
Jesus be, Constantly,
Constantly, Jesus be
More than thousand suns to me.*

Benediction

Postlude: Voluntary on "Mendelssohn" David Wilcocks

*Silent night, holy night!
Guiding Star, lend thy light;
See the eastern wise men bring
Gifts and homage to our King;
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.*

*Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous Star, Lend thy light
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia! To our King!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.*

Hagen
*Thy glad beams, Thou Morning Star,
Cheer the nations near and far,
Thy glad beams, Thou Morning Star,
Cheer the nations near and far;
Thee we own, Lord alone,
Lord alone, Thee we own,
Man's great Saviour, God's dear Son.*

*Morning Star, My soul's true Light,
Tarry not, dispel my night;
Morning star, my soul's true Light,
Tarry not, dispel my night;
Jesus mine, In me shine,
In me shine, Jesus mine,
Fill my heart with light divine.*



Christmas Eve Candlelight Lovefeast



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2020 Congregational Watchword:

Those who have faith are children of Abraham.

Galatians 3:7

*We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod; yet in his promise we
rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

Welcome: Rev. Christy Clore

Band Prelude

Organ Prelude: "Hark! the Harold Angels Sing"
David Cherwien

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

Together, we light this candle of hope to represent the longing that resides in our hearts: for health, for restoration, for life on the other side of loss, separation, and sadness. Only light will drive out the darkness.
This hope is found in the God who has come to save us.

Together, we light this candle of peace to represent the unity we have amongst each other: as human beings, as beloved children of God, as disciples called to live in harmony with one another. Only as partners in peace can we stand against violence.

This peace is found in a newborn child, cradled in his mother's arms.

Together, we light this candle of joy to represent the delight that is found in the coming of our savior: in the birth of hope, in the fruition of faithfulness, in the warmth of God's love for a broken world. Only joy can give us strength to continue our work.
This joy is found in a God who finds joy in us!

Together, we light this candle of love to represent the home we have in God's steadfast shalom: a home built with peace and kindness, righteousness and justice, where all are invited to the Table to partake in the feast of God's love. Only love can bring us together. Only love can save our souls.
This love is found tonight in a manger, in Mary's arms and in our own.

Prayer

The Christmas Story **Luke 2:1-20**

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethle-
hem;
Come and behold Him
born the King of angels;

Refrain:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.

Special Music: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Ralph Valadez
Jonathan Williams, violin and Chris Shepard, piano

Angels, from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth,
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, Come and
worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

It came upon a midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From heavens all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels, sing.

Hark! The herald Angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born 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 new-born King!"

Adeste Fideles

The highest, most holy,
Light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh
appearing! Ref.

O Sing, choirs of angels, sing in
exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
Ref.

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! Ref.

Regent Square

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man in now residing,
Yonder shine the Infant-light:
Come and worship, Come and
worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Carol

Still through the cloven skies they
come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Herald Angels

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of
Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light of life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man 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 new-born King!"

Warner

Softly the night is sleeping
On Bethlehem's peaceful hill;
Silent the shepherds watching,
The gentle flocks are still.

But hark! The wondrous music
Falls from the opening sky;
Valley and cliff re-echo
"Glory to God on high!"
Glory to God! It rings again;
Peace on the earth! Good-will to
men!

Come with the gladsome shepherds,
Quick hastening from the fold;
Come with the Wise Men, pouring
Incense and myrrh and gold.

Come to Him poor and lowly,
Around the cradle throng,
Come with your hearts of sunshine,
And sing the angel's song.
Glory to God! It rings again;
Peace on the earth! Good-will to
men!

Blessing

Come, Lord Jesus, our Guest to be,
And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.
Bless our loved ones everywhere,
And keep them in Thy loving care. Amen.

Special Music: "Christmas Lullaby" George Stone

The First Noel

The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay:
In fields where they lay keeping their
sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so
deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
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 great light,
And so, it continued both day and
night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Anitoch

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 heaven and nature
sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Special Music: "Sing We Now of Christmas" Kristin Campbell
Jonathan Williams, violin & Chris Shepherd, piano

Meditation:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Our wait is over, the Christ-child is here!
Long we have waited, long we have watched for his coming.
God is not satisfied to remain apart from us,
God must be one among us.
We are God's people,
shepherd of God's flock, children of God's redeeming.
We light this candle to represent Christ's presence,
his everlasting reign.
We give thanks to God for the fulfillment
of hope, peace, joy, and love.