



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Children's Service
December 24, 2021
5:30 p.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Look, said the prophet: “A virgin shall conceive and bear a son.”

People: You shall call him Emmanuel, ‘God is with us.’

Pastor: He will be born of the line of David, and his kingdom will have no end.

People: You shall call him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Pastor: In Jesus, all promises made from the beginning of time to the end shall be fulfilled.

People: By him, the fullness of God’s love shall shine on the whole world. Amen.

The Presentation of the Banner and Creche Figure

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Carol – “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (UMH #234) v.1,2,3,6

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;

Refrain:

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

True God of True God,
Light from Light Eternal,
Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;
(Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
(Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory, given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
(Refrain)

A Christmas Prayer (unison)

Dear God, this holy night is shining brightly with the love you gave us in the gift of your Son, Jesus. As we come to worship our newborn king, we ask that the hope, peace, joy, and love shown to us in Jesus' birth will shine brightly in our lives too. May the love of Jesus fill our hearts, so we can share with everyone the true gift of Christmas. Amen.

Joyful Voices – “Who Was the Baby?”

Passing the Peace of Christ

The Christmas Offering “*Christmas Doxology*”

(Sung to the tune of “The First Noel”)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the king of Israel*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Carol – “Angels from the Realms of Glory” v.1,2,3 (UMH #220)

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creations story
now proclaim Messiah's birth;

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light;

(Refrain)

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star.

(Refrain)

The Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Story

Luke 1:26-38 – Nothing is impossible with God

Carol – “Once In Royal David's City” v1,2 (UMH #250)

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed;
Mary, loving mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,

and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly
lived on earth our Savior holy.

Carol – “What Child is This?” v.1,2 (UMH #219)

What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard
and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Luke 2:8-11 – *A message of good news with great joy*

Carol – “The First Noel” v.1,2 (UMH #245)

The first Noel the angel 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.

Refrain:

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.
(Refrain)

Carol – “Angels We Have Heard on High” v.1,2 (UMH #238)

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria,
in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria,
in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, shy this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
(Refrain)

John 1:1-5, 10, 12-14 – *The true light is revealed to all*

Carol – “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” v.1,2 (UMH #218)

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

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.

Carol – “We Three Kings” v.1,2 (UMH #254)

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

(Refrain)

The Celebration of the Light

Carol – “Silent Night” (UMH #239)

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.

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!

A Prayer for Christmas Eve

Lord Jesus, light of the world, we rejoice in celebration of your birth and the hope it brings to all people. We have heard the herald's trumpet and seen the glory of our salvation, filling us with wonder and joy. Guide us, this night and always, to keep our eyes fixed on the true light of Christ Jesus. May we joyously share Christ's light and love with a dark and weary world. Amen.

Carol – “Joy to the World” (UMH #246) v.1,2,4

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 nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
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 of his love.

Benediction

Postlude/Dismissal

*Brian Barber, Organist
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