

Ken Goodenberger, Conductor

Bill Moore, Accompanist

Guest Musicians

Stephanie Hershey – Fiddle

Megan Schaeffner- Guitar

Albert Grijalva – Piccolo

Mark Pyle – Percussion

Bill Moore - Piano

Alicia Ferrin – Keyboard/String Reduction

Scripture and Prayer for The Week

“This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:12

*God of light, life and hope,
help us to recognize this sign of your love and be changed forever. Amen.*

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As we worship . . . Please silence your cell phone.

We Are Chosen

We Are Blessed

We Are Loved

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Indicates stand as you are comfortable

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4:00 PM Rev. Deborah Lerner

9:00 AM Rev. Lee Hirt

PRELUDE (4:00 PM) *"Christmas Majesty"* arr. Marilyn Hamm
(9:00 AM) *"Christmas Suite"* arr. Ken Goodenberger

*OPENING HYMN *"People, Look East"* UMH #202

*OPENING PRAYER— In Unison

Almighty and Everlasting God, source of light and life and hope, you came to your children humbly, to live among us as one of us, showing us the shape of love. As we hear again the ancient story, open our hearts to all you would give to us. Enable us to worship you in spirit and in truth, for the sake of your son, Jesus, Messiah and Lord of all. We pray in his name. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE 4:00 PM Calvin & Karen Slaaen
9:00 AM Bill & Linda White

Today we light three candles. The first candle reminds us of our hope in knowing Jesus as our wonderful Counselor. The second candle reminds us that God loves us in spite of our flaws, as a parent loves a child. As we light the third candle, we reflect on the joy found in serving a God who is almighty, all-knowing and always present. We joyfully celebrate a Savior who brings hope and a God whose power and strength have no limits.

SONG OF RESPONSE *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"* UMH #204

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE TO PRAYER *"Away in a Manger"* UMH #217 v.3

Have you heard?

Good people all, this Christmas time, Consider well and bear in mind;
What our good God for us has done, In sending His beloved Son.
With Mary holy we should pray, To God with love this Christmas day;
In Bethlehem upon that morn', There was a blessed Messiah born.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep, Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;
To whom God's angels did appear, Which put the shepherds in great fear;
"Arise and go", the angels said, "To Bethlehem, be not afraid;
For there you'll find this happy morn', A princely Babe, sweet Jesus born."

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r, When we were gone astray.

Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. Oh tidings of comfort and joy.
And all the bells on earth shall ring, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
And all the bells on earth shall ring, On Christmas day, On Christmas day,
On Christmas day, On Christmas day in the morning.

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Heaven and earth before Him bow; For He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Have you heard? Christ is born on Christmas day in the morning. Rejoice!

*CLOSING HYMN *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* UMH #238

*BLESSING Rev. Deborah Lerner

POSTLUDE *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* arr. Harold DeCou

“O Holy Night”

Bill White – Baritone solo

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world, in sin and error pining, 'Til He appears and the Soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees; O hear the angel voices!
O holy night, O night divine when Christ was born!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts we by His cradle we stand.
Over the world, a star is sweetly gleaming, To lead the Wise Men from a distant land.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, With all our hearts, we praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever!
O Holy night, O night divine, when Christ was born. O Holy Night, O night divine.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Willi Wheeler

OFFERTORY

“Come and Adore Him”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the King of Angels: Come and let us adore Him.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
“Glory to God, all glory in the highest!” Come and let us adore Him.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! Come and let us adore Him.

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! Come and let us adore Him.
Come and let us adore Him.
Come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, Come!

“Have You Heard”

A Celtic Christmas Celebration

By Joel Raney

“Christmas Day in the Morning”

God rest ye merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay (Have you heard?);
Remember Christ our Savior, Was born on Christmas Day (Have you heard?);
To save us all from Satan's pow'r, When we were gone astray;
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy,
Oh tidings of comfort and joy (Have you heard?).

I saw three ships come sailing in, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
I saw three ships come sailing in, On Christmas Day in the morning.
Whither sailed those ships all three? On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
Pray, wither sailed those ships all three? On Christmas Day in the morning.

O, they sailed into Bethlehem, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
O, they sailed into Bethlehem, On Christmas Day in the morning.
And all the bells on earth shall ring, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
And all the bells on earth shall ring, On Christmas Day in the morning.

Softly the wind blows over the manger; Brightly the star shines flooding the sky.
Angels are singing, shepherds are kneeling, God's love revealing, Jesus is born.
And all the souls on earth shall sing, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
And all the souls on earth shall sing, On Christmas Day in the morning.

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Heaven and earth before Him bow; And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Have you heard? Christ is born!

“Come Messiah, Come Emmanuel”

Come, Messiah.

Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free (Come, Messiah);
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee (Come, Messiah);
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art dear; desire of every nation.
Joy of every longing heart, Joy of every heart (Come, Messiah);
Born thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever.

Now thy gracious kingdom bring (Come, Messiah);
By thine own eternal spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to thy glorious throne;
Come Messiah, Come Emmanuel, Come.

“Have You Heard? ”

Have You Heard?

There's a promise foretold, there are signs to behold,
There's a manger awaiting a King (Have you Heard?).
There are shepherds nearby, there's a star in the sky,
There are angels preparing to sing. (Have you heard?).

Away in a manger, No crib for His bed (Have you heard?),
The little Lord Jesus, Lay down His sweet head (Have you heard),
The stars in the sky, Look down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger:
Such a babe, such a place, can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of every race, who have found His favor.

Now in awe we behold, as the prophets foretold, A manger that cradles a King.
And the shepherds nearby saw the star in the sky, And the angels began to sing.

Gloria, In excelsis deo.

Have you heard? Christ is born!

“Celtic Christmas Lullaby”

In a lowly stable in Bethlehem, under starlight glow from above,
A Gift was given, a Child was born, and heaven spilled over with love.

From a quiet hillside near Bethlehem, came shepherds seeking the Child;
And they fell to their knees as they worshipped Him, Mary's baby, so tender and mild.

And the manger cradled a holy sight, and the stars began to sing.
As the angels danced in the morning light, all the bells of heaven did ring!

And the rocks and rivers and mountains rejoiced; And the whole wide world did sing,
“Emmanuel, Emmanuel. Welcome the newborn King.”

And as Mary whispered a lullaby, heaven's angels sang of His birth,
Of joy to the world, of love's pure Light, And the promise of peace on earth.

And the manger cradled a holy sight, and the stars began to sing.
As the angels danced in the morning light, all the bells of heaven did ring!

And the rocks and rivers and mountains rejoiced; And the whole wide world did sing,
“Emmanuel, Emmanuel. Welcome the newborn King.”

“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.
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of His heaven.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.