



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

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Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Jubilation!

WORDS: John F. Wade, ca. 1733; trans. by Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others

MUSIC: John F. Wade, ca. 1733; harm. from *Collections of Motets or Antiphons*, 1792

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Centering

- Offer a prayer of gratitude for the indigenous peoples on whose land you live
- Prepare to light all five candles on your Advent wreath

Lighting the Advent Candles¹

Bynagle Family

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus
and rejoice in His coming to us,
we light the Christ candle.

Jesus Christ is our hope.

He is our peace.

Jesus Christ is our joy.

He is love: pure, holy, eternal love.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world!

Dear God,

We lift our hearts to you with peace, hope, joy, and love as we celebrate the birth of Emmanuel, God with us. Thank you for our greatest gift. **Amen.**

¹ Liturgy adapted from <http://lnwhymns.com/LightingAdventCandles.aspx> and Katherine Hawker at www.liturgyoutside.net

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Opening Prayer

Pastor Lisa

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Doug and Sandy Stark

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Franco and Caroline Venuti

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all of God's creation.

Christmas Joy Medley

Marge Dunn and Lucy Kunkler

MUSIC: George F. Handel, John F. Wade, James R. McMurra
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Luke 1:26-35, 38

Bryan and Karen Zak

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son whose kingdom shall never end.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Shawnie Olson

WORDS: Trad. French carol; trans. *Crown of Jesus*, 1862
MUSIC: French carol melody; arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937
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Luke 1:46-55

Annelisa Neely

The prophet Mary sings out in joyful consent her vision of the world to come.

Time of Gratitude

Pastor Lisa

Shchedryk / Carol of the Bells

Vheneka

MUSIC: Shchedryk, traditional Ukrainian carol; arr. for marimbas by Karin Sonnen, inspired by The Piano Guys
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Matthew 1:18-25

Dave and Ruby Nofziger

Jesus, the promised Messiah, is born and named Emmanuel, which means God is with us.

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Edmund H. Sears, 1849
MUSIC: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850
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Joy to the World

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719

MUSIC: Arr. from G.F. Handel, 1741, by Lowell Mason

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Jubilation!

Luke 2:1-7

David Bowman

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

The Friendly Beasts

Kyla Palin, Ellowyn Hanson, Sei and Rei Beams, Tevi and Yaella Bowman

WORDS: 12th cent. French carol; trans. anon

MUSIC: Medieval French melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1987

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Go Tell It on the Mountain

Vheneka

WORDS: African-American spiritual; adapt. By John W. Work, Jr., 1907

MUSIC: African-American spiritual; adapt. And arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986; arr. for marimbas by Karin Sonnen

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Luke 2:8-14

Jenna Lapp

Angels appear to shepherds announcing to them good news for all the world.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Shawnie Olson

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. by George Whitefield, 1753, and others

MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

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Luke 2:15-20

Andie Sonnen

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

Away in a Manger

Mini Marimbas

Ryan Selenka, Sei Beams, Rei Beams, Kyla Palin

WORDS: Anon.

MUSIC: James R. Murray, 1887

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Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

We believe in loving our neighbors in real, tangible ways. 100% of tonight's offering will be dedicated to neighbors in need in our community through the Benevolence Fund.

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What Child Is This

Carter Davis

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1865

MUSIC: 16th cent. English melody

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We Three Kings

WORDS: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857
MUSIC: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857
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Catherine Davis

Matthew 2:1-8

Jim Hornaday

The wise men follow a star to find the child, Jesus, the king of the Jews.

Gesu Bambino

WORDS: Pietro A. Yon
MUSIC: St. Alphonsus de Liguori; arr. by Stephen DeCesare
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Larry Dunn, Leah Dunn, Lucy Kunkler

Matthew 2:9-11

Maynard Gross

The wise men offer gifts to the Christchild.

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Jubilation!

John 1:1-14

Pastor Lisa

The great mystery of the Incarnation is revealed to us.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, ca. 1868
MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868
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Ola Mullikin

Invitation to Embrace the Light

As we prepare to sing Silent Night, I invite you to turn off the lights if you can so you just have the glow of the tree and prepare to light a candle as we sing together.

Silent Night

Lucy Kunkler and Marge Dunn

WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818, alt.; sts. 1, 2, 3 trans. by John F. Young; st. 4 trans. anon.
MUSIC: Franz Gruber, 1818
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Benediction

Pastor Lisa

May the Prince of Peace grant you hope, peace, joy, and love.
May the Light of the World illuminate your heart and mind.
May Emmanuel walk beside you.
And May the blessing of Christmas be with you today and everyday.
Amen.