

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem



Christmas Eve Intergenerational Service 5 p.m.

December 24, 2020

PRELUDE "Shepherd's Pipe Carol" John Rutter/ arr. Charles Evans
Hill to Hill Brass Quintet
"Gesu Bambino" Pietro Yon
Dr. Aaron Patterson, Saxophone

CALL TO WORSHIP

CAROL #41

O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

1 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!

2 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]

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
Glory in the highest! [Refrain]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING THE CHRISTMAS STORY

MEDITATION

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CAROL

#56

The First Noel

(verse 1 & 6)

THE FIRST NOEL

1 The First Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

6 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made Heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood our life hath bought. [Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

CAROL

#60

Silent Night

(verse 1, 3 & 4)

STILLE NACHT

Madison Zahorsky and Bryan McClary

1 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.

3 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.

4 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!

BENEDICTION

CAROL #40
Joy to the World! (Verses 1, 2 & 4) ANTIOCH

1 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.

2 Joy to the world, the Savior reigns:
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

4 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, wonders, of His love.

POSTLUDE "Amen" Fugue, from Messiah
Hill to Hill Brass Quintet

George F. Handel