

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

*We welcome one and all to this Christmas Eve worship service.
Out of town guests, college students, military personnel and neighbors near and far are welcome.
We wish you the joy and peace of the Christmas season.
* Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Welcome Pastor Mark Allio

Prelude *Coventry Carol* Chloe Querry

*Call to Worship

One: We come here tonight filled with excitement.

All: We come with hope in our hearts and bells in our hands.

One: We come here tonight for a birthday party.

All: We come to celebrate with joy in our songs and smiles on our faces.

One: We come here tonight for angels singing, shepherds running, and a star shining.

All: We come to remember Your promises and Your story.

One: We come here tonight because of You, Emmanuel, Jesus, our Lord.

All: We come because You came. Open our hearts to You, O God, now and forever. Amen.

***Carol #133, vs. 1** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

*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!

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Jesus is Born Luke 2:1-7 Addison Fry

Carol #115, vs. 1 *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

The Angels Tell the Shepherds Luke 2:8-14 Joslyn Fry

Carol #119, vs. 1 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

*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!"*

The Shepherds Visit Jesus Luke 2:15-20 Chloe Querry

Carol #136, vs. 1 - 3 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

[Chorus:]

*Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.*

[Chorus]

*The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.*

[Chorus]

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.*

[Chorus]

*Response

Silent Night

*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! 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.*

The Magi Visit Jesus Matthew 2:9-12 August Murray

Carol #151, vs. 1 & 5 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT

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

[Chorus:]

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

*Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.*

[Chorus]

Offering

Offertory

Pastoral

D. Shack

Happy Birthday to Jesus

(Children are invited to come up front. If you brought gifts for baby Jesus, send them up with your children.)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Carol #134**

Joy to the World

(Sing 1st verse twice - ring bells.)

Joy to the world, the Lord has 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.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

In Dulci Jubilo (In Sweet Rejoicing)

J. S. Bach, BWV 729

PARTICIPANTS.....Pastor Mark Allio
 MARY and JESUS.....Marcy Wiegel and Elijah Wiegel
 PIANIST/ORGANIST.....Mark McKeever
 READERS.....Addison Fry, Joslyn Fry, Chloe Queery, August Murray
 USHERS.....Daniel Hajnik, John Scurfield
 GREETERS.....Kim Parent, Addy Fry, Donna Fleetwood, Kelli Scurfield

🕯 We cordially invite you to worship Christmas morning at 11 AM.

🕯 Poinsettias being reclaimed may be picked up after the 11 PM Christmas Eve service. We thank Jeff Hummel and Mary Love for the lovely poinsettia arrangements.

A sincere THANKS to all who remembered the church staff with Christmas cards, treats and remembrances. Your kindness is appreciated, and we wish all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

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