

The Worship of God

December 15, 2013

A Service of Carols and Candlelighting

Six O' Clock P.M.

PRELUDE: Sleepers Wake

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

Jody Wright

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 40:1-5

Michelle Noyes

YOUTH HANDBELL MEDITATION: Away in a Manger

arr. Cathy Mocklebust

ADULT HANDBELL MEDITATION: O Come, Little Children

arr. Lloyd Larson

* PROCESSIONAL CAROL 165: "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY
(Please remain seated during the first two stanzas. Rise during the organ interlude.)

Solo: Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Choir: 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.

* Organ Interlude: Please stand as you are able.

* All: For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew.
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

* All: And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that Child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Katy Jaber, soloist

* THE INVOCATION

Elizabeth Edwards

LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

Andy Barker

Isaiah proclaims comfort and the coming of the Lord.

ANTHEM: "Gentle Jesus"

Anna Laura Page

Gentle Jesus, meek and mild, look upon a little child; guide me, guard me, help me stay near to you
in ev'ry way. Lamb of God, I look to you, be with me in all I do; you are gentle, meek, and mild; you
were once a little child. Help me be just as you are; give me your obedient heart. You are merciful
and kind; let me have your loving mind. Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb, in your gracious care I am;
make me, Savior, what you are; come and live within my heart.

THE SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

Kathy Manning

The psalmist calls us to rejoice at the coming of the Lord.

SOLO: "Light of Light"

Nancy Gifford

Light of light, ever bright, bringing day to darkest night, ev'rywhere hear our prayer, give us eyes to
see. Laudamus te. Blessed one, Mary's son, Savior of the world undone, ev'rywhere hear our prayer,
give us hearts to love. Laudamus te. Evermore we adore God of majesty and awe, ev'rywhere hear
our prayer, give us voice to praise. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te.

Carson Browder, soloist

THE THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-9

Don Bulluck

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

YOUTH ANTHEM: "Dona Nobis Pacem"

arr. Margaret R. Tucker

Dona nobis pacem Grant us your peace.

THE FOURTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

Jean Burkhead

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

* CAROL 162: "What Child Is This?"

GREENSLEEVES

THE FIFTH LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

Tracy Corbett

Jesus' birth is revealed to Joseph in a dream.

ANTHEM: "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"

German Carol/arr. John Kingsbury

Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, I shall rock this child divine; God shall reward thee with peace sublime
in Paradise, so says the Virgin Mother. Mary, dear one, lady bright, glad I cradle this child tonight,
glad I welcome the heav'nly light of Paradise; he sings the Virgin Mother. *To us he cometh on
Christmas Day, on Christmas Day, all lowly born; hail him Savior and to him pray this happy morn.
Jesu, Jesu, loose us, save us, free us, gentle Jesu.* Peace, good-will, he brings to all, blessings from
heaven to great and small; blessings on those who on him call, who lowly lies beside the Virgin
Mother. Gladly come and kneel to him, humbly come and pray to him, joyful come and bow to him,
that's born for us of Mary, Virgin Mother.

THE SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-20

Jo Ann Lamm

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

* CAROL 155: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

THE SEVENTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11

Charlie Lane

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

ANTHEM: "Bethlehem Procession"

Pepper Choplin

Come, O come, come to Bethlehem. Join with us to search for him. Prophecy leads to the town where
the infant King is found. Come look, the star that lights our way fills the air with joy and praise.
Though the dusty road is long, hope and faith will lead us on. Look yonder, see the star is shining
bright, come see the shining light, filling all the world with light, come see the glorious light; and
proclaims across the sky, "Glory be to God on high." Come, O come, come to Bethlehem. See the
Child of Bethlehem. Bow down and worship him. Gifts of love and praise we bring to the holy infant
King. Come, O come, come to Bethlehem.

THE EIGHTH LESSON: John 1:1-14

Jody Wright

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

ANTHEM: "Gloria"

Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Glory to God in the highest.

THE RITUAL OF LIGHT

*The lighting of candles symbolizes the coming of Jesus who said, "I am the Light of the World."
and is a reminder that we spread his light to all humankind. Each person will offer light from his
candle to his neighbor. As you take the light, please tilt your candle toward the flame to avoid
spilling wax. To symbolize our sharing of the light with the world, raise your candles high for the
singing of the final verse of "Silent Night." Please remain seated.*

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:

“Silent Night”

STILLE NACHT

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.
2. 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!
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!

THE BLESSING

HANDBELL CELEBRATION: Ding Dong Merrily on High

Lloyd Larson

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fantasia on *In Dulci Jubilo*

J. S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

Following the service, you may return the extinguished candles to the gold boxes located at each door. The luminaries in the courtyard are another witness to the ways in which we share Christ’s light with the world. Please enjoy these lights. May they shine for us all as we depart from worship prepared to serve.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music

Mark Gansor
Organist

Cornelia Singletary
Pianist

Eli Bass
Acolyte

Robbie Bass
Torch Bearer

Jackson Browder
Crucifer



CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

December 24 - 6 o’clock p.m.

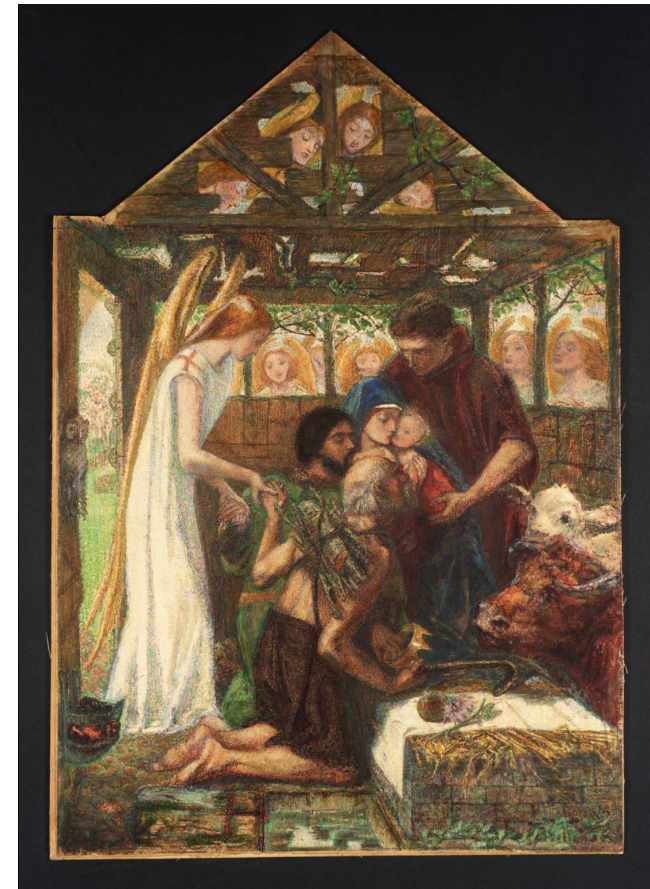
Communion

Chris Ellis, violinist

Eliza Craig Parker, Ann Sawyer, soloists

Theme - “Peace Beyond Understanding”

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