

The Worship of God

December 21, 2014

A SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHTING

Six O' Clock P.M.

PRELUDE: Interlude on the Coventry Carol
Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying

W.S. Lloyd-Webber
Robert A. Hobby

WORDS OF WELCOME

Jody Wright

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 40:1-5

Sam Johnson

ADULT HANDBELL MEDITATION: Coventry Carol

arr. Keith Burt

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

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 feelth 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.

Reynolds Cobb, soloist

* THE INVOCATION

Elizabeth Edwards

LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

Patty Farber-Schirman

Isaiah proclaims comfort and the coming of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: "Let Every Heart Prepare a Throne"

Mark Patterson

Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne for soon the Child of Light will come. Let ev'ry voice prepare a song to welcome Christ the Promised One. Let ev'ry hand reach out with love to greet this gift from God above. Make ready now, the Savior comes, the Prince of Peace, the Promised One. So let the flame of Advent glow, each candle shines that all may know the hope we need, so long foretold will soon be here for us to hold.

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

Bill Kincheloe

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

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: "The Lord Is My Light"

Michael Bedford

The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is my light, whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid? For in times of trouble you hide me in your dwelling; you shelter me and comfort me, and set me high on a rock. Hear, O Lord, when I cry to you, give ear to me and answer; O hide not your face from me, your face, O Lord, do I seek.

Kathy Manning, flute

THE THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-9

Chick Conley

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

SOLO: "Gesù Bambino"

Pietro Yon

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced, and at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced. Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light. Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell, from paradise to earth He came that we might with Him dwell. O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Spencer Bulluck, soloist

THE FOURTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

Hunter Cuthrell

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ANTHEM: "O Magnum Mysterium"

Morten Lauridsen

*O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
jacentum in praesepe!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare Dominum Christum.
Alleluia!*

O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord,
lying in their manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

THE FIFTH LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

Keith Ballentine

Jesus' birth is revealed to Joseph in a dream.

* CAROL 161:

"I Wonder As I Wander"

I WONDER AS I WANDER

THE SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-20

Laura Henderson

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

ANTHEM: "On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

Neil Harmon

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us. Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth Bethlehem saw his birth; shepherds kneel before him, praise him and adore him. Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low beside his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise and adore him. Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us. Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

THE SEVENTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11

Cameron Graham

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

* CAROL 162:

"What Child Is This?"

GREENSLEEVES

THE EIGHTH LESSON: John 1:1-14

Jody Wright

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

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 stanza 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 (*Please remain seated for the Blessing and the Postlude.*)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Stille Nacht

John Leavitt

* 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

Amira Morris
Acolyte

Jacob Watkins
Torch Bearer

Will Hedgepeth
Crucifer

Eli Bass, Katy Jaber, Emory Pittman, Lindy Pittman
Candle Lighters



CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

December 24 - 6 o’clock p.m.

“Reflections of Wonder: Mary”

Chris Ellis, violinist

Madi Adkins, Daniel Edwards, Gilliam Parker, Eliza Craig Parker

Carol Lucas, and Amy Shortt
soloists

A Service of Carols and Candlelighting



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