



Christmas Eve Pageant

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Saturday Service at 5 PM • Sunday Services at 8 AM and 10 AM • Wednesday Service
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FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

PRELUDE

Prelude on Greensleeves

R. Purvis

OPENING SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

***O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

***O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

PAGEANT

FIRST READING: The Angel's Secret for Mary

SONG

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

***Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.***

***Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.***

SECOND READING: The Amazing Dream

SONG

Amazing Grace

***Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.***

***The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.***

THIRD READING: A Long Trip

SONG

O Little Town of Bethlehem

***O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight***

***How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given.
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.***

FOURTH READING: Baby Jesus is Born

SONG

Away in a Manger

***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 cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.***

FIFTH READING: An Angel Brings Good News

SONG

Angels from the Realms of Glory

***Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.***

***Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.***

SIXTH READING: All the Angels Give Glory to God

SONG

Angels We Have Heard on High

***Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

***Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

SEVENTH READING: The Shepherds Visit Jesus

SONG

The First Noel

***The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.***

***They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.***

***This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.***

PASTORS' MESSAGE

OFFERING

You are invited to share in our mission and ministry through your gifts.

OFFERING SONG

O Come, All Ye Faithful

***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.***

***God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only begotten Son of the Father;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

***Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; Refrain
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

HOLY COMMUNION

*The pastor will lead the congregation
in an extemporaneous celebration of the Lord's Supper.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

When invited by the pastor, please join in the 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

***What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.***

***Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.***

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

***It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.***

***Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.***

***Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!***

***For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.***

CANDLE SONG

Silent Night

*The priest will light a candle from the altar and begin to light the congregation's candles. Please pass the flame to your neighbor, holding the **lit candle straight so the wax doesn't drip**, and turn the unlit candle sideways to catch the flame.*

***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, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!***

***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.***

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

- P** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
C **The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth,
and we have seen his glory.**
- P** In him was life, and that life was the light of all.
C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never
been able to extinguish it.**
- P** The light and life of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you close
in the days and nights unfolding before us.
C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Joy to the World

***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.***

***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.***

***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.***

FAREWELL & MERRY CHRISTMAS!

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Chalicians	Heather Elder
Narrator	Aubrey Elder
Greeters & Ushers	Sandy Kneen
	Frank Kneen