

Call for the Offering

Offertory The Snow Lay on the Ground-Traditional Carol arr. Courtney Youth Ensemble and Combined Children's Choirs

Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great ThanksgivingRev. Chris Allen, Celebrant

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth And all the company of heaven, We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking The Bread Giving The Bread and Cup (Communion tonight will be served by intinction, the method early Christians used to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread, which you will then dip into the cup, receiving the elements together)

The Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, We give you thanks for this holy mystery In which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world In the strength of your Spirit, To give ourselves to others, In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Joy to the World.....Antioch

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 all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found.

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, and wonders, of his love.

Benediction

Rev. Becky Peeler

Postlude

Postlude on Adeste Fideles

Eric Thiman

* Please stand as you are able.

Welcome! It is a joy to greet each of you in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. If you are our guest at this service, we bid you an especially warm welcome. If you are seeking a church home, you are invited to visit us on Sundays for worship at either 8:45 AM or 11:00 AM.

Special Thanks to Myr Wilson and Carole Jenkins for their help with the Family Christmas Eve Service. Also thank you to the parents and youth volunteers who assisted the smaller children with costumes and the processional.

Today's Music: Chapel Choirs I & II and Youth Ensemble. Caitlin Dowling, organist and director. Colleen Phelps, alto. Matthew Phelps is assisting at the organ.

Cast

Mary, Joseph & Baby Jesus - Natalie, Tal, and Witt Goldsby Innkeeper - Anna Bigelow Stable Person - Clayton Jenkins Shepherd 1 - Connor Harris Shepherd 2 - Elijah Bakker Shepherd 3 - Eli Horton Shepherd 4 - Samuel Wilson

Angel 1 - Lilly Cook Angel 2 - Lytle Landers Star Bearer - Maeve Tettleton Wise One - Trip Cook Child - Harrison Wilson Liturgist - Rev. Becky Peeler Celebrant - Rev. Chris Allen



Family Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2016



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4:00 PM**

Gathering

Prelude I Saw Three Ships Dale Wood

* Opening Hymn: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

Greeting: Rev. Becky Peeler
Liturgist: Tonight we are excited;
People: Bless us with wonder.

Liturgist: Tonight we are expectant;
People: Bless us with gladness.

Liturgist: Tonight we are on tiptoe;
People: Bless us with new birth.

Liturgist: Let us remember together why this night is a holy night!

Proclamation

Worship Drama from the Gospel According to Luke and Matthew.
Children of all ages are invited to enter the story as it is told.

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem.....St. Louis

**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.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin,
and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the
great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord
Emmanuel!**

Hymn: The Friendly Beasts.....Orientis Partibus

**Jesus, our brother, strong and good,
was humbly born in a stable rude,
and the friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus our brother, strong and good.**

**"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
"I carried his mother uphill and down,
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town;
I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.**

**"I," said the cow, all white and red,
"I gave him my manger for his bed,
I gave him hay to pillow his head;
I," said the cow, all white and red.**

**"I," said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave him my wool for his blanket warm,
he wore my coat on Christmas morn;
I," said the sheep with curly horn.**

**"I," said the dove, from the rafters high,
"I cooed him to sleep that he should not cry,
we cooed him to sleep, my mate and I;
I," said the dove, from the rafters high.**

Hymn: The First NoelTraditional English Carol

**The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor
shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where 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.**

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High.....Gloria

**Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

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**Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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Hymn: We Three Kings.....Kings of Orient

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

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

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. (Refrain)**

Hymn: What Child Is This?Greensleeves

**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?**

**Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard
and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe,
the son of Mary. (Repeat)**

Response

**NOTE to Families: All who wish to come and see the baby may come to
the Communion rail to see the baby as the child is lifted up for all to see
during the singing of, "Away In a Manger". Parents/guardians and
grandparents, please help lead younger children to take a peek at the
baby during the singing of the hymn and return to your seats by the
time the singing concludes.**

Hymn: Away in a Manger.....Away in a Manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the 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 thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**