



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE
DECEMBER 10, 2023
FIVE-THIRTY IN THE EVENING

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming.....Est is ein Ros, arr. by Kevin McChesney
Angels We Have Heard on High.....Traditional French Carol
arr. by Robert Groth and Kevin McChesney
High School Bell Ringers

Joy to the WorldAntioch, arr. by Arnold Sherman
He is Born Il Est Né, arr. by Kevin McChesney
The Snow Lay on the Ground..... arr. by Kevin McChesney
Joy Ringers

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Processional Hymn: Once in Royal David's City..... Irby
Stanza 1: Patricia Cullum
Stanza 2: Chamber Choir
Stanzas 3-6: Congregation and Choir

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's__ ci - ty Stood a low - ly cat - tle__ shed,
Where a mo - ther laid__ her__ ba - by In a man - ger for__ his__ bed:
2. He came down to earth__ from__ hea - ven Who is God and Lord__ of__ all,
And his shel - ter was__ a__ sta - ble, And his cra - dle was__ a__ stall;

Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild,__ Je - sus Christ her lit - tle__ child__
With the poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sa - vior__ ho - ly.

- 3 **And through all his wondrous childhood he would honour and obey, love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay: Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.**
- 4 **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.**
- 5 **And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love, for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**
- 6 **Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see him: but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high; where like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.**

Bidding Prayer Will McLeane

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**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, forever.
Amen.**

Chorale: Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light..... J. S. Bach
Matt Smyth, tenor
Sarah Dunnevant, soprano
Sanctuary and Chancel Choirs

Prophecy: "The people who walked in darkness"Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7
Maggie Jarrell

Hymn: O Come, O Come, EmmanuelVeni Emmanuel
**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Carol: Come, Thou Long-Expected JesusMark Miller
Youth Vocal Ensemble

Annunciation: "And he came to her and said"Luke 1:28-33
Kathi Whalen, Chair of Ministry Table

Carol: On Christmas Day in the MorningMary Caldwell
Genesis Choir

Birth: "In those days a decree went out" Luke 2:1, 3-7
Stacey Harwell-Dye

Hymn: O Little Town of BethlehemSt. 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.**

**For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth!**

Carol: Hydrom, HydromTraditional Czech Carol, arr. Tom Mitchell
Asbury Choir

Angels: "Then an angel of the Lord stood before them"Luke 2:9-14
Emily Robbins

Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory Regent Square

**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.**

**Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Carol: Festive Hodie! Greg Gilpin
Chapel Choir

Carol: A Spotless Rose Herbert Howells
*Sean Jernigan, baritone
Sanctuary Choir*

Shepherds: "In that region there were shepherds living in the fields" Luke 2:8, 15-16
Shannon Baxter

† Hymn: God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen God Rest You Merry

**God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Savior was born upon this day.
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway this blessed babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**But when to Bethlehem they came, where at this infant lay,
They found him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling, unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

Carol: O Magnum Mysterium.....Sally Herman
Chancel Choir

Kings: "When they had heard the king, they set out"Matthew 2:9-11
Aimee Baxter

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

Carol: Sussex Carol Philip Ledger
Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs

Prologue: In the beginning was the Word.....John 1:1-18
Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn
**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 th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, Our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n 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!"**

The Lighting of the Candles

The pastor will light a candle from the Advent wreath and then light the candles of the candlelighters. They will light the candles of those nearest the center aisle. Tip the unlit candle when lighting your candle. After all candles are lighted, the congregation and choirs will sing:

Hymn: Silent Night, Holy Night.....Stille Nacht

**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.**

**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.**

Recessional Carols:

- No. 217: Away in a MangerAway in a Manger
- No. 218: It Came upon the Midnight Clear Carol
- No. 219: What Child Is This.....Greensleeves
- No. 229: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly W Zlobie Lezy
- No. 237: Sing We Now of ChristmasFrench Carol
- No. 245: The First Noel.....The First Noel
- No. 246: Joy to the World..... Antioch

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

HIGH SCHOOL BELL RINGERS

Andie Smith, Leader

- Bennett Coleman
- Ella Gambill
- Maggie Harrell
- Aidan Harris
- Connor Harris
- Ellie McCord
- Samuel Wilson
- Harrison Wilson

JOY RINGERS

Matthew Phelps, Director

- Emily Kimball
- Nico Zavala
- Andie Smith
- Emily Anderson
- Melissa Robertson
- Jan Morrison

- Peg Wertz
- Genie Whitesell
- Tyler Bowman
- Jason Limbaugh
- J. L. Nave
- John Wiseman

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Andrew Risinger, Director

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Hannah Cullum	Bethany DiSantis	Jon Cooper	Robb Bigelow
Patricia Cullum	Bevin Gregory	Matt Smyth	Doug Brown
Laura Gray	Linda Lundin	Scott Wolfe	Evan Burton
Christy Hathcock	Emily McCord	Nico Zavala	Sean Jernigan
Emma Jackson	Pam Rice		Pierce O’Brien
Lucy Majors	Lee Warren		Keith Ramsey
Jill Austin-Prentice	Bethany Wilson		Casey Reed
			Ben Troxler

CHANCEL CHOIR
Matthew Phelps, Director

Soprano 1

Melissa Richardson
Sarah Dunnevant
Lee Fentriss
Aria McDaniel
Kimberly Pace-Furse
Kristin Pennington

Soprano 2

Bethany DiSantis
Carla Fox
Emma Jackson
Jan Morrison
Kim Patterson

Alto 1

Hollie Dueker
Becky Heywood
Chase Jeffords
Carol Poston
Carol Stewart
Maggie Ward
Jonna Whitman

Alto 2

Rachel Asmus
Tatum Earp
Susan Harrell
Ellen Messerly
Anne Neff
Caroline Peacock
Colleen Phelps
Theresa Santillan
Andie Smith
Peg Werts

Baritone

Tyler Bowman
Cameron Culver
Patrick Dunnevant
Rob Hancock
Jason Limbaugh
J. L. Nave
Ken Nelson
Chris Peacock

Tenor 1

Andrew Campbell
Chase Lowery
Andrew Lynn
Brian Payne
Wayne Underhill
John Wiseman

Tenor 2

Doug Arnold
Clark Perkins
Matt Smyth
Day Werts
Nico Zavala

Bass

Steve Hyman
Neil Lambert
Chris Muller
Ted Wiltsie
Andrew Risinger

GENESIS CHOIR

Pam Rice, Susy Gillette, Lochlan Cook
Leaders

Leo Anderson
Eloise Dabbs
Dax Darling
Patrick Egan
Birdie England
Sequoia Garrison
James Hardisty
William Marigza-Yeo
Annie McLeane
Maggie McNamee
Charlie Morrison
Roscoe Morrison
Clara Mueller-Evans
Virginia Schneeweiss
Anna Selden
Wright Stevens
Teddy Walker
Genevieve Weiss

ASBURY CHOIR

Bethany DiSantis, Andrew Risinger
Nico Zavala, Maggie Harrell
Leaders

Louise Brooks
Isla Darling
Wesley Grace Donald
Maddie Grace Duncan
Bing England
Louis Galletti
Martha Galletti
Dewitt Goldsby
Piper Hardisty
Tess Hippel
Marc McNamee
Anna Rhoden
Carolyn Riley
Sallyann Riley
Simone Spraggins
Maggie Walker

CHAPEL CHOIR

Emma Jackson and Ben Troxler
Leaders

YOUTH VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Matthew Phelps, Director
Bethany DiSantis, Assistant

Mary Peacock
Emerson Baxter
Maggie Weiss
Noah Phelps

Ella Peacock
Isabel Baxter
Will Duncan
Clark Voss

Henry Anderson
Savannah Bakker
Clara Coldiron
Hazel Coldiron
Emilia Fazio
Francesca Fazio
Tiner Goldsby
Alyssa Hernandez

Andre Hernandez
Amory Hippel
Will Howerton
Caroline Rhoden
Yvette Spraggins
Caroline Thompson
Lily Thompson



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