Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2024 – 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

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Hand Bell Music

"Caroling Medley" "Still, Still, Still"

(Rogers/Callahan) (Moklebust)

Stand

Processional - Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, Born the king of angels:

Oh, come let us adore him, Oh, come let us adore him, Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

- 2. Highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;Son of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! *Oh, come let us adore him...*
- Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!Glory to God, in the highest: *Oh, come let us adore him...*

Christmas Responses – Isaiah 9:2, John 1:5,14

- **P** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
- The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
- **C** We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father.

Sit

Christmas Prophecy - Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2

Carol

"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 giv'n!
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
 No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.
- 3. 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, Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Christmas Gospel - Luke 2:1-7

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 look down where He lay,
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2. 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 til morning is nigh.
- 3. 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 take us to heaven to live with Thee there.



Christmas Gospel - Luke 2:8-20

Choir Anthem

"Sussex Carol"

(English/Hagenberg)

Children's Message

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

- 1. 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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
- 2. Christ, by highest heaven 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 as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
- 3. Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun 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 each child of earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christmas Message

Christmas Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (spoken by all)

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 and ever. Amen

The Candlelight Service

(Please light your candle by holding the UNLIT one above the LIT one of your neighbor...remember, the LIGHTED candle is NEVER TILTED)



Silent Night

- 1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright Round you 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, Heav'nly 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.

Benediction

- May the Christmas blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shine in your hearts with His light, His love, and His peace both now and forever.
- Amen! Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

(candles extinguished)

Stand

Recessional - Joy to the World!

- 1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room and heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2. Joy to the earth, 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.
- 3. 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 the curse is found.
- 4. 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.

Postlude "From Heaven Above" (Pachelbel)

