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Christmas Eve

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Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all who have gathered in worship this afternoon. As a church we wish you the joy of this holy season, and the blessings of God throughout the coming year!

At the conclusion of the service, we will light candles and sing. Please exercise great care with lit candles, extinguishing them before leaving your chair, and leaving them at the exit so that we can use them again. Glow sticks are also available for children. Thank you.

We Gather Expectantly

O God:

As Jesus brought hope, make us messengers of hope.

As Jesus brought peace, turn us into peacemakers.

As Jesus brought joy, fill us with the joy of this season.

As Jesus brought love, rekindle love in us,
so that the birth of the baby in Bethlehem
may be a beginning and not an end.

Amen.

Prelude "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day"

(arr. Howard Helvey)

George and Cameron

A Word of Welcome

Dave

Announcements

Silent Prayer and Preparation

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Call to Worship:

LEADER: We have waited and watched,
yearned and hoped, partied and prepared,
and now the time is at hand –
God's promise is fulfilled!

PEOPLE: We lit candles in the darkness,
we listened to the prophets' predictions,
we decked the halls and swept the stable,
and now Christ is born!

LEADER: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king.

PEOPLE: Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing!

LEADER: And heaven and nature sing!

* The Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" 121 - GG

1. *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.*
2. *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.*
3. *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.*

* Prayer of Approach

A Birth Foretold

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Karen & Jan

ALL: Loving God, once more, as we gather in worship,
we open ourselves to you.
You have rewarded our listening and our waiting.
You have filled us with gladness that must be shared.
And you have freed us to proclaim in word and song
the good news of your love
shown beautifully in the birth of Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Continue to transform our hearts and guide our path
that we may walk in the light of Christ all our days.
In his name we pray. Amen.

* The Hymn “Once in Royal David’s City” 140 - GG

1. *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.*

2. *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 and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.*

4. *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.*

A Gift of Music “Mary’s Boy Child” (Jester Hairston)

The Gentlemen of Song, The BBC Band, and The BBC Singers

The Days were Accomplished...

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 1 - 7

Sylvia

* The Carol

“Away in a Manger”

114 - GG

- 1. Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.*
- 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 side until morning is nigh.*

Children's Time

- 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 fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.*

A Gift of Music “Walk Softly” (Sharon & Larry Allen)

The BBC Singers, and Bev on flute

And there were in that Same Country...

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 8 - 14

Joanna

* The Carol

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

117 - GG

- 1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.*

2. *“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind:
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind.*
3. *“To you, in David’s town this day, is born of David’s line
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:*
4. *“The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all humbly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid”*

A Gift of Music “Jesus is Born” (Lloyd Larson) The BBC Singers

And the Shepherds Returned...

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 15 – 20 Marina

* The Carol “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” 123 - GG

1. *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 the earth, good will to all,
from heaven’s all-gracious King”:
the world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.*
2. *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.*

The Light Shines in the Darkness

Scripture Reading John 1 selected verses

Elizabeth

* The Lighting of Candles

* The Carol "Silent Night, Holy Night"

122 - GG

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 Saviour is born!
Christ, the Saviour 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

Postlude "Still, Still, Still" (arr. Cathy and David Moglebust)

Barbara, Marjorie, and The Bells of Praise



We wish to express our thanks to...

- **Karen & Jan** for leading us in the lighting of the Christ candle on our Advent wreath;
- **Sylvia, Joanna, Marina and Elizabeth** for reading Scripture;
- **Bev** for the gift of her angelic music on the flute; and **Barbara** and **Marjorie** for their ringing of bells;
- **The Gentlemen of Song, The BBC Band, The BBC Singers,** and **The Bells of Praise** for sharing their gifts of music and song;
- and to **Cameron Altena** for his musical leadership!

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Please Note

Christmas Offering envelopes and offering plates have been placed at both doors. We invite you to consider making a gift to our **Benevolent Fund** to help us offer support to people in our city who are in need. Through our **Benefits Program**, for example, we provide grocery cards to families struggling to make ends meet. Thank you in advance, for your generosity, and for your continuing support of the life and various ministries of this church throughout the coming year.

Join us each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.