

Christmas Eve

Church of the Saviour

4:30 p.m.

PRELUDE *In Dulci Jubilo* arr. Joanne Brown LeDoux
Gesu Bambino Pietro A. Yon
What Child Is This/Away in a Manger arr. Tom Brinkley

WELCOME The Rev. Andy Call

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #234 (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6) *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Adeste Fideles

PRAYER OF APPROACH Rev. Call

MUSICAL INVITATION *Will You Be Ready?* Mark Patterson
Carol and Vivace Choirs

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES¹ Courtney, Mason, & Kaylynn Corrigan

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Together, we will shine with the radiant light of Christ!

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Titus 2:11-14*

CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE *Heaven's Christmas Tree* The Rev Gregory Kendrick, Jr.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING Rev. Call

Offertory *An English Christmas* arr. Michael Helman
Joy to the World arr. Bill Ingram
Celebration Ringers

THE GIFT OF MUSIC *The First Noel* arr. Ken Berg
Carol and Vivace Choirs

Verse 4, congregation: 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.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.....Amy Wadsworth, David Wigger, Elizabeth Wigger
Angels.....Emily Cassady, Lauren Cassady, Caroline Kiker
Shepherds.....Luke Farrall, Will Farrall, Abraham Paik
Isaiah Paik, Derek Yost, Lyle Yost
Kings.....Samuel Blocker, Peter Paik, Tom Wadsworth
Tableau Directors.....Jennifer Jeffers, Ann Farrall
Costumes.....Sallie Sweeney
Spotlight.....Jack Farrall

Director of Music.....David Gilson
Organist.....Robert Day
Carillonneur.....Alice Lubell
Carol and Vivace Director.....Jennifer Call
Carol Choir Accompanist.....Don Katt
Vivace Choir Accompanist.....Shelley McKenzie
Celebration Ringers Director.....Daran Kiefer



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TABLEAU OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Part 1: The Birth

Luke 2:1-7

What Child Is This

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.

Part 2: The Angels' Announcement

Luke 2:8-14

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
REFRAIN: *Gloria in excelsis Deo!* (2X)

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Part 3: The Shepherds' Adoration

Luke 2:15-20

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!

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun 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.

Part 4: The Kings' Journey

Matthew 2:1-12

We Three Kings

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REFRAIN: O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
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5. Glorious now behold him arise;
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CANDLE LIGHTING

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CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Rev. Kendrick, Jr.

(Please extinguish your candles at the conclusion of the prayer.)

***HYMN OF JOY #246**

Joy to the World

Antioch

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Call

***POSTLUDE**

Christmas Morning ("The First Nowell")

Roland Diggle

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Acolytes: Lucy Campbell and Leslie Yost

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Brightest and Best arr. Terry Osman
 Wesley Bells

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CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Lorenzo and Wanda Smart

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ANTHEM

The Night That Christ Was Born
Gospel Choir

Kirk Franklin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (#895)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

MESSAGE

Can We Still Hope?

Rev. Call

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 Lauren Hailey, Avery Hickey, Molly Johnson, Julia Kiefer
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MUSICAL RESPONSE *Some Children See Him* Alfred Burt
Agape Choir

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 Offertory *Three Spanish Carols* arr. Lee J. Afdahl
Wesley Bells

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 Chancel, Agape, and Good News Choirs

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<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	arr. Daniel Burton
<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	arr. Frank Voltz
<i>Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	arr. James Mansfield
<i>Still, Still, Still</i>	arr. Daniel Burton
<i>Greensleeves (What Child Is This?)</i>	arr. Sam Milligan

<i>Veni</i>	Jason W. Krug
Bells of the Saviour	

<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i>	Niles; harm. Carlos Salzedo
<i>Pastorale on "Stille Nacht"</i>	Roger C. Wilson

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The Ritts Family

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BIDDING PRAYER

The Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr.

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLSMUSICAL INTRODUCTION *Wexford Carol* arr. Larry L. Finke

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Rev. Call

ANTHEM *Thou Shalt Know Him* arr. Hal Hopson

THE SECOND LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38 Mrs. Ritts

ANTHEM	<i>The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</i>	arr. Joel Raney
	Bells of the Saviour	
	The Angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; 'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!	Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, 'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said, 'My soul shall laud and magnify his name': most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!
	'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honour thee, thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold; most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!	Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will say: most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

THE THIRD LESSON	Matthew 1:18-25	Rev. Kendrick, Jr.
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ANTHEM	<i>The Hands that First Held Mary's Child</i>	Dan Forrest
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CHRISTMAS OFFERING		Rev. Call
Offertory	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	arr. Louise Pratt arr. Louise Pratt

THE FOURTH LESSON	Luke 2:1-7	Rev. Kendrick, Jr.
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CAROL #219	<i>What Child Is This</i>	Greensleeves
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ANTHEM	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	Dan Forrest
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THE FIFTH LESSON	Luke 2:8-15	Mrs. Ritts
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CAROL #240	<i>Hark, the Herald Angels Sing</i>	Mendelssohn
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*THE SIXTH LESSON	John 1:1-14	Rev. Call
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ANTHEM	<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i>	arr. Georgiann H. O'Toole
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Almighty God...singing the hymn of your unending praise.

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

Leader: God of new birth...Great is the mystery of faith.
People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Leader: God who exalts the humble...now and forever.
People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (#895)

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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