

*Order of Worship*  
**FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE**  
4:30 pm – December 24, 2022

**PRELUDE** *Concerto-Prelude on “Joy to the World”* by Paul Fey  
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Lance Crane, Organ

**GREETING**

**CAROL** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (verses 1-3) UMH 234  
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song: 31054  
Brass arrangement: Kyle Hanks. Used with Permission.  
Brass Quartet: Tatiana Giesler, Trumpet, Kenneth Sithan,  
Trumpet, Gregory Ochotorena, Trombone, Laura Weiss, French Horn

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, Born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the virgin’s womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Light of the World, shine upon us this holy night. Be born again in our hearts, and re-ignite the flames of faith, hope, and love as we celebrate your birth. Guide us to Bethlehem once more, that we ponder in our hearts your miraculous presence in our lives. Amen.**

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**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming* arr. Kyle Hanks  
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**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** Arwen & Clara Smith

We have heard the call to keep watch. But what are we keeping watch over? Maybe we’re looking for something that will define us, something that will remake us, transform us. Some relationship, some hope, some love that will make us new. Maybe we’re looking for the gift we remember this night.

**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 !**

Let us light these candles and complete this circle as we rejoice in the light that shines in the darkness and declare with joy and with hope –

**Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Hallelujah. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *The First Noel* arr. Kyle Hanks  
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## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

### THE PROPHECY

*Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7a*

### CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1 & 3)  
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UMH 230

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 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.

### THE HOLY FAMILY

*Luke 2: 1-7*

### CAROL

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
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UMH 229

1. Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you.

### THE ANGELS

*Luke 2: 8-14*

### CAROL

*Angels We Have Heard on High* (verses 1-3)  
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UMH 238

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! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

### THE SHEPHERDS

*Luke 2: 15-18*

### CAROL

*Go Tell It On the Mountain* (verses 1-2)  
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UMH 251

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.  
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.  
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

**LESSON**

*Luke 2: 19-20*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

arr. Kyle Hanks

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Glory to God in the highest heaven! We praise your name with our offerings and tithes. We give these gifts in recognition of Jesus, a tiny babe who from humble birth was created great in your light.**

**Thank you, Gracious God, for pure, unbounded love wrapped in clothes laying in a manger – a gift so great to share that it could not be contained. Let the joy we feel in our hearts overflow in unending praise. Amen.**

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**CAROL**

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

(UMH 239)

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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 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.
4. 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!

**BENEDICTION**

