

Order of Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 pm – December 24, 2020

PRELUDE *Sussex Carol Variations* Traditional
Tyler Carlisle, organ

WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful (verse 1 & Refrain)* UMH 234
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371, CCLI Song # 31054

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 (NRSV)*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain*
VFUMC Virtual Chancel Choir; Tyler Carlisle, Director

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Climb to the top of the highest mountain, Joyous tidings proclaim to the world,
Lift up your voice, shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd, He will carry the lambs in his arms,
He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea,
From time eternal he was God, The Alpha and Omega, He. Behold, your Lord!

He will come in power and glory, He will rule with mercy truth, Hope of all the nations.
Light of all the world! He will love the little children, He will hold them in his arms.
Love him and trust him as a child, Behold, your Lord comes to you.

SCRIPTURE *Luke 2: 1-7 (NRSV)*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Be Born in Me (Mary)*
Becca Clarke, vocal soloist; Tyler Carlisle, piano
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Everything inside me cries for order. Everything inside me wants to hide.
Is this shadow an angel or a warrior? If God is pleased with me, why am I so terrified?
Someone tell me I am only dreaming. Somehow help me see with Heaven's eyes.
And before my head agrees, my heart is on its knees. Holy is He; Blessed am I.

Be born in me, be born in me. Trembling heart, somehow I believe that You chose me.
I'll hold You in the beginning; You will hold me in the end.
Every moment in the middle, make my heart Your Bethlehem; be born in me.

All this time we've waited for the promise. All this time You've waited for my arms.
Did You wrap Yourself inside the unexpected so we might know that love would go that far?

Be born in me, be born in me. Trembling heart, somehow I believe that You chose me.
I'll hold You in the beginning; You will hold me in the end.
Every moment in the middle, make my heart Your Bethlehem; be born in me.
Be born in me, be born in me, be born in me, be born in me.

SCRIPTURE *Luke 2: 8-20 (NRSV)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Some Children See Him

Robin Briceño, vocal solo; Tyler Carlisle, piano

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Some children see Him lily white, the baby Jesus born this night.
Some children see Him lily white, with tresses soft and fair.

Some children see Him bronzed and brown, the Lord of heav'n to earth come down.
Some children see Him bronzed and brown, with dark and heavy hair.

Some children see Him almond-eyed, this Saviour whom we kneel beside.
Some children see Him almond-eyed, with skin of golden hue.

Some children see Him dark as they, sweet Mary's Son to whom we pray.
Some children see him dark as they, and, oh they love Him too.

The children in each different place will see the baby Jesus' face like theirs,
but bright with heavenly grace and filled with holy light. Oh lay aside each earthly thing
and with thy heart as offering, come worship now the infant King. 'Tis love that's born tonight!

SCRIPTURE

John 1: 1-14 (NEB)

Ginny Dilworth

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt McPhee

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God of Hope, God of Peace, God of Joy, God of Love, be born in us anew this day. Use all we are and all that we have to be a blessing to this world you love so very much. In the name of the Child of Bethlehem, the Light of the World, we pray. Amen.

CAROL

Silent Night

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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,
heav'nly 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."

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.

BENEDICTION

*Names of those remembered with poinsettia ornaments will be listed on the screen,
as Tyler Carlisle shares a musical reflection on the organ.*

Prayer Requests

Dick Hatcher — complications from a stroke

Ed Munn — friend of Norb Tackman, passed away 12/21 — prayers for his widow, Marcia

Bruce Tackman — waiting on test results

Kathi Taylor — struggling with health issues

All who are in suffering, isolated, or discouraged this holiday season

All who are impacted by the COVID-19 virus