



✧ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude *From the Realms of Glory!* arr. Patrick Roszell
Festival Orchestra; Jill Post, director

Welcome The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

Introit *He is Born the Divine Christ Child* arr. John Leavitt
Sanctuary Choir & Festival Orchestra; Bryan Poyzer, director

✧ **Carol 133** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest! *Refrain*

Reading **Still, Still, Still**

Gift of Music *Away in a Manger* arr. Monica Scott
Friendship Choir; Erin Torpey, director

Carol 128 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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! Christ the babe is Lord of all! (*Interlude*)

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

Reading

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Gift of Music

Coventry Carol

arr. Dan Davison

Men's Quartet: Sam Johnson, Jack Lawrence, Kevin Thomas, Mike Wavra

❖ **Carol 132**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;

Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Reading

O Lord How Shall I Meet You

Gift of Music

How Great Our Joy

Traditional German Carol

Kids of the Kingdom Choir;

arr. Terry D. Taylor

Pam Andrist-Burns, director; Jill Post, clarinet

Carol 145

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!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Reading

The People Who Walked in Darkness

Gift of Music

Sleep Little Lion, Sleep Little Lamb

Heather Sorenson

Second Avenue Singers & Proclamation Choir with Orchestra; Rusty Bender, director

Carol 147

The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,

On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star

Shining in the east beyond them far;

And to the earth it gave great light,

And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

Offering

The Rev. Mary Jo. E. Holtey

Tonight's offering will be given to the Emergency Food Pantry.

Offertory

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/O Christmas Tree arr. Sammy Nestico
St. Andrew's Brass

Prayer of Dedication

Reading

Before the Marvel of this Night

Gift of Music

Angels From the Realms Henry Smart
Westminster Ringers; Jill Post, director arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Carol 119

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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

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.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Reading

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Gift of Music

Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Dan Forrest
Combined Choirs & Orchestra; Bryan Poyzer, directing

Reading

In Darkest Night His Coming Shall Be

❖ **Carol 134**

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King:
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns! Let all our songs employ!
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Reading

John 1:1-5

Sharing the Light

Peace, Peace with "Silent Night" Rick and Sylvia Powell
Combined Choir with Orchestra & Congregation arr. Fred Bock
Jill Post, directing

Please join in singing Silent Night when directed. Lift your lighted candles high on verse three.

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, Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"

Congregation stands

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

Closing Chimes

Participants

Pastors: The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood & The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

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Choir Directors: Pam Andrist-Burns, Rusty Bender, Jill Post, Bryan Poyzer, Erin Torpey

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Sound: Tom Bigwood

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