

**December 24, 2023, 7PM
Order of Worship**

Prelude 1

***Breath of Heaven*
Arr. By Lloyd Larson
LNPC Chancel Choir
Sydney Malone, Soloist**

Prelude 2

***A La Nanita Nana*
Arr. Steven Ottományi
Olga Matevosyan & Yoltic Donell Dominques, Violin
Sogol Aliabadi, Viola & Hovhannes Alanakya, Cello**

Prelude 3

***Gesu Bambino*
Arr. By D. Varelas
String Quartet
Judy Ruddiman, Solo**

Prelude 4

***Romanza*
Arr. by Steven Ottományi
String Quartet**

Prelude 5

***Wonderful One*
Monica Scott and Angie Killian
Arr. By Shane Mikelsen
LNPC Chancel Choir
Jaime & Lani Colley, Soloist**

Welcome

Pastor Jim

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

Invitation to Worship

Pastor Jim

Leader: The impossible is about to happen in a stable. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: *Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined!*

Leader: This is the evening when creation stood still and held its breath, for God was doing the most unbelievable, dangerous thing.

People: *This is the evening when God embraced humanity from the inside, as one of us, from birth to death.*

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.*

Leader: O come let us adore Him!

Christmas Carol Sing

[Please stand if able.]

Angels We Have Heard on High

Edward S. Barnes

Michael Smith, Worship Leader

Lee Lee Truong – Sawicki, Piano & Sho Fujieda, Drums

#152 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

***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!

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***Come to Bethlehem and see,
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.***

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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***See within a manger laid,
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
Sing with us our Savior's birth.***

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Felix Mendelssohn, William H. Cummings
#171 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

***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 hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."***

***Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."***

***Christ, by highest heav'n adored.
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.***

***Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man 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,
Ris'n 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!"***

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Chris & Eileen Green

Reader One: We have watched; we have waited, and we have lit candles in hope, for peace, in joy, and with love.

Now our redemption draws near!

Reader Two:

Hear the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has
shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult
when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the
rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the
fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son is given to us; authority rests
upon his shoulders;

and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his
kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of
hosts will do this.

Reader One:

Glory to God in the highest!

Alleluia!

Amen!

Anthem

Run to Bethlehem
Joel Raney
LNPC Chancel Choir

Shepherds watching over sheep by night.
Witnessed an extraordinary sight.
Angels from the realms of glory
Shared a most amazing story.
Hurry, shepherd, run to Bethlehem.

Morning stars proclaim the holy birth.
Angels sing the news of peace on earth.
Peace and hope and joy he's bringing,
Hear the heavenly voices singing.
Hurry, shepherd, run to Bethlehem.

Run to Bethlehem and bring
Praises to the newborn King.
Fall down on your knees and worship him.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
All of earth and heaven ring.
Hurry, shepherd, run to Bethlehem.

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?

Run to Bethlehem and bring
Praises to the newborn King.
Fall down on your knees and worship him.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
All of earth and heaven ring.
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¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn

[Please stand if able.]

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lewis Redner

#155 (vv. 1, 3)

*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 street 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.*

Time of Reflection

Christmas Anthem

The Birthday of a King

Arr. By Lloyd Larson

LNPC Chancel Choir

In the little village of Bethlehem,
There lay a Child one day,
And the sky was bright with a holy light,
O'er the place where Jesus lay.

Alleluia! O how the angels sang,
Alleluia! How it rang;
And the sky was bright with a holy light,
'Twas the birthday of a King.

'Twas a humble birthplace, but O!
How much God gave to us that day,
From the manger bed, what a path has led,
What a perfect, holy way:

Alleluia! O how the angels sang,
Alleluia! How it rang;
And the sky was bright with a holy light,
'Twas the birthday, holy birthday
'Twas the birthday of Christ, the King!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
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.

Christ is born! the King is born!
Christ, the King, is born!

Blessing of Our Gifts and Christmas Joy Gift Offering

Pastor Sara

Offertory

O Holy Night

John Dwight and Adolphe Adam

Judy Ruddiman, Solo

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices,
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees!
O hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night divine! O night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand;
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;

Christ is the Lord!
O praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
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Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Celebration of Communion [Bread is gluten-free]

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Lighting of Candles

(Please stand if able.)

Peace, Peace & Silent Night

Fred Bock and Franz Gruber

LNPC Chancel Choir & Congregation

#164 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all.

This is a time for joy, this is a time for love.

Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.

[Congregation Sings]

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!

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.

Ring In of Christmas

Suk Choi, Organ

Hymn of Celebration

Joy To The World
G.F. Handel
LNPC Chancel Choir
#146 (v. 1)

*Joy to the world the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.*

Benediction

Pastor Jim

Postlude

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Henry T. Smart
Suk Choi, Organist



*Thank You for Joining Us
Merry Christmas*

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