



Kira Manalang

Christmas Eve

with **BETHANY** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2020

Prelude *O Come All Ye Faithful*
What Child Is This?
Once In Royal David's City

Casey Spiers & Leola Ross
Sarah Till
Etta Martin

WELCOME

Words of Welcome

Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly

Carol *The Wexford Carol*

Katie Stats

Good people all, this Christmas time
Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done
In sending His beloved Son
With Mary holy we should pray
To God with love this Christmas day
In Bethlehem upon that morn
There was a blessed Messiah born
Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep
To whom God's angels did appear
Which put the shepherds in great fear
"Arise and go," the angel said
"To Bethlehem, be not afraid
For there you'll find this happy morn
A princely Babe, sweet Jesus born"
With thankful heart and joyful mind
The shepherds went the Babe to find
And as God's angel had foretold
They did our Savior Christ behold
Within a manger He was laid
And by His side the Virgin maid
As long foretold upon that morn
There was a blessed Messiah born

THE PROMISE OF LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

Max Wilhite

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Brandon, Kristin, Max, and Madeleine Wilhite

Carol *Where Shepherds Lately Knelt* #120

Sarah & Martin Stillion

Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word
I come in half belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred
But there is room and welcome there for me
But there is room and welcome there for me
In that unlikely place I find Him as they said
Sweet, newborn Babe, how frail, and in a manger bed
A still, small voice to cry one day for me
A still, small voice to cry one day for me
How should I not have known Isaiah would be there
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart, I stare
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me
Can I, will I forget how Love was born and burned
Its way into my heart: unasked, unforced, unearned
To die, to live, and not alone for me
To die, to live, and not alone for me

THE ANNOUNCEMENT

Scripture Reading Luke 1: 26-38

Alaina & Kira Manalang

Carol *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came*

Choir & Sylvia Oines, organ

The angel Gabriel from heaven came
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes of flame
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!
"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be
All generations laud and honor thee
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!
Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name"
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 1-7

Reese Edwards

Carol *Joy to the World* #134 (verses 1, 2, and 4)

Bill Clarke

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King
Let every 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
Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let all their 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

THE ANGELS

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 8-14

Harrison Nagel

Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #119

Kyla & Iliana Marshall

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 as man with men 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 man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king"

THE SHEPHERDS

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 15-20

Casey Spiers

Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High* #113

Choir

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains
Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo! Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song
Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo! Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo
Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King
Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo! Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo

THE MAGI

Scripture Reading Matthew 2: 1-12

Liam Martin

Carol *The First Noel* #147 (verses 1, 2 & 4)

Marisa & Avery Gronholz

The first noel, 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
Noel, noel! Noel, noel! 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
Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel

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

A Christmas Prayer

Sarah Till

THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Scripture Reading John 1: 1-5, 9

Sunah Pak Kim

Reflection

Doug Kelly

The Passing of the Light

Fifth Graders & Etta Marston, piano

Carol *Silent Night, Holy Night* #122 (verses 1, 2, & 3)

Marisa & Avery Gronholz

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

Benediction

Doug Kelly

Postlude *Winterborn* arr. Jenn Cavanaugh (2020)* *Kate Barker, Marisa Gronholz & Jenn Cavanaugh*

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