

A lit candle with a bright flame against a dark blue background with bokeh light spots.

Christmas Eve
at Bethany Pres

Christmas Eve Worship

Prelude *Christmas Medley*

Kate Barker, cello and Sylvia Oines, organ

INVITATION

Words of Welcome

Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly

* **Carol** #133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (verses 1 & 3)

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
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest (*Chorus*)

Lighting the Christ Candle *Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults, Danielle Merseles*

**All: Awaken us to our role
as astonished agents
of your astonishing presence
among us, in us, and with us forever.
Amen.**

Anthem *Shine the Light of Your Love* Mark Patterson

Choir

Congregation joins on choruses:
Shine the light of Your love like a candle, in the darkness of our lives
Shine the light of Your love in our hearts, Lord
Come and shine the light of Your love; come and shine the light of Your love

PREPARATION

Christmas Prayer

Mike Purdy (8:00), Steven Westburg (10:00)

God of stable, stars and surprises,
of light and hope and new life:
open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our world;
forgive our obsession with property and possessions;
forgive our compromises and narrowness of vision.
Open us to your grace,
that we might hear again the song of the angels,
and respond with a song in our hearts, and in our lives. Amen.

Scripture Reading [Isaiah 52:7-10](#) (Pew Bible: Old Testament, p. 642)

*Mike Purdy (8:00)
Steven Westburg (10:00)*

Anthem *Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

Choir

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning
You shepherds, shudder not with fright, but hear the angel's warning
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be
The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making

ANNUNCIATION

Scripture Reading [Luke 1:26-38](#) (Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 49) *Iliana Marshall* (8:00)
Avery Gronholz (10:00)

* **Carol** #108 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (verses 1, 3 & 5)

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be
He is Alpha and Omega; He the source, the ending He
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore

O, that birth forever blessed when the Virgin, full of grace
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore

O ye heights of heaven, adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing
Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King
Let no tongue on earth be silent; every voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore

INCARNATION

Scripture Reading [Luke 2:1-7](#) (Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 50) *Mike Purdy* (8:00)
Steven Westburg (10:00)

* **Carol** #142 *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled
Great Spirit, Lord of all the earth sent angel choirs instead
Before their light the stars grew dim and wandering hunters heard the hymn
Jesus, your King, is born; Jesus is born; In excelsis gloria

Within a lodge of broken bark, the tender babe was found
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped His beauty round
But as the hunters brave drew nigh the angel song rang loud and high
Jesus, your King, is born; Jesus is born; In excelsis gloria

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair
As was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there
The chiefs from far before Him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt
Jesus, your King, is born; Jesus is born; In excelsis gloria

O children of the forest free, the angel song is true
The holy child of earth and heaven is born today for you
Come kneel before the radiant boy who brings you beauty, peace, and joy
Jesus, your King, is born; Jesus is born; In excelsis gloria

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading [Luke 2:8-14](#) (Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 50)

Iliana Marshall (8:00)
Avery Gronholz (10:00)

* **Carol** *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains (Repeat)
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo
Shepherds, why this jubilee; why your joyous strains prolong
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song (Chorus)
Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King (Chorus)

Scripture Reading [Luke 2:15-20](#) (Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 51)

Mike Purdy (8:00)
Steven Westburg (10:00)

Homily *Haste*

Doug Kelly

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

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
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 (Chorus)
Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of nought
And with His blood our life hath bought (Chorus)

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Please come forward by row to form two lines. There are two ways to receive the sacrament: you may take a communion kit and partake of it in your pew; or you may receive a piece of bread, dip it in the common cup and partake of the elements. If you would like gluten-free, just ask your server for it.

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
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!

Carol *See Amid the Winter Snow* (verses 1, 2 & 3)

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below
See, the gentle Lamb appears, promised from eternal years
Hail, O ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Lo, within a stable lies He who built the starry skies
He who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim (*Chorus*)
Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine
Thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this (*Chorus*)

* **Carol** #143 *Angels From The Realm Of Glory* (verses 1, 2 & 4)

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth
You, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King
Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the Infant light
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King
All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King

MEDITATION

Scripture Reading [John 1:1-5, 9-14](#) (Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 79)

Anthem *Ecce Novum*

Kate Barker, cello; Sylvia Oines, piano; and Choir

Ecce, novum gaudium	Behold, a new joy
Ecce, novum mirum	Behold, a new wonder
Virgo parit filium	A virgin, who knew not a man
Quae non novit virum	Bears a son
Sed ut pirus pirum	She knew not a man, but as the pear-tree bears the pear
Gleba fert papyrus	The flourishing papyrus brings
Florens lilium	The lily from the soil
Ecce, quod natura	See how nature
Mutat sua iura	Changes her laws
Virgo parit pura	A pure virgin bears
Dei filium	The son of God

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The Passing of the Light

*Please pass the light to your neighbor with the words: "Jesus Christ, Light of the World."
Remain seated for the first two verses, then stand and raise candles together on the third verse.*

Carol *Silent Night, Holy Night*

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

CELEBRATION

* **Carol** *Joy to the World*

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

Benediction

Doug Kelly

Postlude *The Rejoicing* by George Frideric Handel

Sylvia Oines

*You are warmly invited to join us here in worship
on Sundays at 9:00 & 10:45 am!*

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