



# Welcome to Worship

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022

5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

## Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

"Good News from Heaven the Angels Bring"

J.S. Bach

SILENT MEDITATION

**IT WAS NOT** suddenly and unannounced that Jesus came into the world. He came into a world that had been prepared for him. The whole Old Testament is the story of a special preparation... Only when all was ready, only in the fullness of his time, did Jesus come.

*Phillips Brooks (1835-1893), The Consolations of God: Great Sermons of Phillips Brooks*



*Christmas Eve*  
John 3:16

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND THE CHRIST CANDLE

(5:00) The Korts (Ryan, Helen, Kaiden, and Liam)

(7:00) Anna Flairty and Anne Wattles

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Light the can-dle of CHRIST to-day, the Giv-er of light is here! — Wel-come the light we  
grope and sigh for, but on - ly Christ can give. — Flick - er and flame and  
glow with light, light up the world a - round you. Flick - er and flame and  
glow with light, light up the world a - round you.

CHRISTMAS EVE CALL TO WORSHIP

All God's people - boys and girls, women, men:

**Come and worship!**

Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

**Come and worship! Come and worship!**

All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

**Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!**

**\*CAROL 133**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELIS

(\*Please stand, if you are able.)

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION 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.

**ANTHEM**

“Still, Still, Still”

Alena & Mary Lynn Bennett, clarinet & flute (5:00)

arr. Daniel Kelly

Kristi Treu, piano (7:00)

arr. Mark Hayes

**A Service of Lessons and Carols**

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation*

**CAROL #129**

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

ES IST EIN’ ROS’

**THE SECOND LESSON**

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child*

**CAROL #100**

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

**THE THIRD LESSON**

Luke 2:1, 3-7

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child*

**ANTHEM**

“Born in the Night, Mary’s Child”

Geoffrey Ainger

Alleluia Singers

**THE FOURTH LESSON**

Luke 2:8-20

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah*

**ANTHEM**

“On Christmas Night”

Paul Manz; ed. David Cherwien

Alleluia Singers

**THE FIFTH LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-11

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus*

**\*CAROL**

“The First Nowell”

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 a-keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
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.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three, Fell reverently upon their knee,  
And offered there in His presence, Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

**THE SIXTH LESSON**

John 1:1-14

*The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth*

**\*CAROL #121**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

**OFFERTORY**

"Gesù Bambino (The Infant Jesus)"  
Kristi Treu, piano

Mark Hayes

**THE SPREADING OF THE LIGHT**

"Candlelight Carol"  
Alleluia Singers

John Rutter

**CAROL**

"Silent Night"

STILLE NACHT

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.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluias to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

**BENEDICTION**

**\*CAROL**

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

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 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.  
 No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;  
 He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
 Far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

**\*POSTLUDE**

“From Heaven Above I Come to You”

Johann Pachelbel

**Worship is at 11:10 only for the next 2 Sundays**

Sunday worship on the mornings of December 25 and January 1 will be held as a single service at 11:10 only.  
 Our usual Sunday morning schedule of worship, education and Sunday Coffee Fellowship returns on Sunday, January 8.

**USHERS**

5:00 Mike Shannon, Sherryl Shannon, Gary Lynn, Jean Lynn  
 7:00 Neal Hubbard, Mike Dempsey, Liam Dempsey, Cael Dempsey

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**For your convenience during worship:** Bibles, hymnals, and sign-in books are in the pews. Blue envelopes are provided for the offering, and white prayer request cards are also provided. Prayer requests are confidential.

**Christmas Joy Offering.** In December, we participate in the PCUSA Christmas Joy offering. The funds from this offering are divided. One half of the collection goes to support our pastor retirement fund, and the other half is divided to support children in need in our community through three of our local charities: Completely Kids, CASA Douglas County, and CASA Sarpy County. Use the special envelopes in the pews or write “Christmas Joy” on a blue envelope.

