

## Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024 5:00p.m.

### Welcome

**Prelude**      *Angels We Have Heard on High*- H. Smart, arr. P. Barker

**Call to Worship**      ~Ellie Olsen

Leader: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**People: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.**

Leader: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

**People: He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.**

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: Those who have lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.**

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

**All: He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Carol**      *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; 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 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!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now is flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

**Light of Service**      Operating Budget      ~Heather Thomson

**Offertory**      *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*- arr. R. Walters/*Ding! Dong! Merrily on High* - arr.M. Ijames

**Doxology**      *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



**Reading** Luke 2: 8 – 10a

~Nels White

**Carol** *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 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 a virgin's womb: veiled in flesh the God-head see, hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man 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!"

**Reading** Luke 2: 10b-14

~Nels White

**Carol** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. 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 heavenly song. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria 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. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**Reading** Luke 2:15 – 20

~Ginny Eckert

**Music** *O Holy Night* - A. Adam

### **Christmas Message**

**Anthem** *What Sweeter Music* - J. Rutter

### **Prayer**

**Music** *Night of Silence* - D. Kantor

**Carol** *Silent 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,  
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.

### **Benediction**

**Carol**        *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*

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

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains 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...

**Recessional**    *Joy to the World - arr.*