

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025 5:00p.m.

Welcome

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - arr. D. Blair ~Sarah Allyn, trumpet

Call to Worship ~Ginny Eckert

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.

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!"

Light of Service Operating Budget ~Grant Mudge

Offertory *Good Christian Fiends, Rejoice* - arr. D. Blair ~Sarah Allyn, trumpet

What Star is This, With Beams So Bright - arr. D. Blair

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.*

Alternate text: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

A Word about Blue Christmas

Lighting of the Christ Candle

~The Satherlie family

Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

~Mike Schopp

Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O Come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Reading Luke 1: 26 – 35

~Olivia Olsen

Anthem *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* - M. Praetorius

Reading Luke 2: 1 – 7

~Nels White

Carol *What Child is This?*

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? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Reading Luke 2: 8 – 14

~Kristin Mudge

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.*

Anthem *Angels and Shepherds* - D. Schreiner ~Lydia Beers, french horn

Reading Luke 2: 15 – 20 ~Jake Green

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!

Christmas Message

Anthem *Make My Life a Bethlehem* - Courtney and Martin

A Christmas Prayer

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!*

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...

Postlude Organ Selections