

Christmas Eve Service ~ December 24, 2023

Welcome ~

Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Advent Candle Lighting ~

Cathy and Jim Comar

Song ~ The Worship Team will share “*Christmas Day*”

First Reading ~ **Isaiah 9:2-3a, 6-9**

Ken Taylor

Song ~ The Worship Team will lead us in singing
“*O Holy Night*”

*O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn
Fall on your knees. O hear the angel voices
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night, divine, O night when Christ was born*

*Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name
Christ is the Lord. O praise His name forever
His power and glory evermore proclaim
His power and glory evermore proclaim
Fall on your knees. O hear the angel voices
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night, divine, O night, O night divine*

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Second Reading ~ Micah 5:2-4

Theresa Taylor

Song ~ “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” (#144 , blue, verses 1-3)

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight
For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in*

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Third Reading ~ Luke 2:1-5

John Hess

Song ~ “*Once in Royal David's City*” (#165, blue v. 1, 2, 4)

*Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child
Christ came down to earth from heaven, love incarnate for us all
And his shelter was a stable and his cradle was a stall
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy
And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love
For that child who seemed so helpless
lives and reigns in heaven above
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone*

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Fourth Reading Luke 2:6-7 Kristen Jefferson

Song ~ “Away in a Manger” (#147, blue)

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there*

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Fifth Reading ~ Luke 2:8-12 Glenna Taxter

Song ~ “What Child is This?” (#162, blue)

*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*

Refrain

***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*

Refrain

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come rich and poor to own him
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him*

Refrain

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Sixth Reading ~ Luke 2:13-14 Lisa Catapano-Friedman

Song ~ “Angels We Have Heard on High” (#155, blue)

*Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o’er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains*

Refrain

Gloria --- in excelsis Deo

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*Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?*

Refrain

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King*

Refrain

*See Him in a manger laid,
Christ, whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise*

Refrain

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Seventh Reading ~ Luke 2:15 Jim Holden

Choir Song ~ “A New Noel”

Eighth Reading ~ Luke 2:16-19 Cheryl Hess

Song ~ “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (#148, blue, v. 1, 2, 4)

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him, for the King of angels*

Refrain

*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 exaltation

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest (Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation

Jesus, to thee be all glory given

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing (Refrain)

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Ninth Reading ~ Luke 2:20

Jim West

Song ~ The Worship Team will lead us in singing

“Emmanuel, God with Us”

*Go tell it on the mountain ~ The one that we've been waiting for
The King of our salvation born on this day our Savior Christ the Lord*

*Go tell it on the mountain ~ Over the hills and everywhere
That we can be forgiven, the weight of all our sin He came to bear*

Chorus

Emmanuel God with us, Emmanuel King Jesus

The Savior of the world is born

Emmanuel God with us, Emmanuel King Jesus

The Savior of the world is born

Go tell it on the mountain ~ Humbly in a manger lay

Mercy sent from heaven ~ Angels fill the sky with highest praise

Chorus

*Go tell it on the mountain ~ This baby born of virgin birth
The ruler of all nations ~ The glory of our God has come to earth*

Chorus

The Savior of the world is born. The Savior of the world is born

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Tenth Reading ~ John 1:1-5. 9-14

Annie Crumb

Passing the Light ~

We form a circle around the sanctuary and share the flame.

**The unlit candle bends down
to receive the light from the lit candle.**



Song by Candlelight ~ “Silent Night” led by the Worship Team

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

Silent night, holy night.

Wondrous star, lend thy light

With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King

Christ the Savior is born!

Christ the Savior is born!

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