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Christmas Eve

GATHERING

Prelude

Gesù Bambino

Pietro Yan

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Kevin and Allisen Fisher Family

Advent Prayer (unison)

Great God of love and light, we thank you now for the light of that special star over two thousand years ago that guided humble shepherds and learned wise men to the holy babe. Lead us now, by the light of your love, that we also may follow you to the new life in him. In celebration of the birthday of our King and our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Advent Wreath Song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Opening Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

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!

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 exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

(Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

(Refrain)

The Story of Jesus' Birth in Word and Song

The Birth

Matthew 1:18–24

Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came

together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Hymn

Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG/MUELLER

Mike Reese, Joe Sturdivant, Beth and Lewis Ware

God’s Light Becomes Flesh

John 1:1–4

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

Carol

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

arr. Norman Dello Joio

Tonya Kirk and Elizabeth Davis, piano duet

Meditation

When Humanity and Divinity Join

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Barker

The Eucharist

Offering

Offertory Response

O Holy Night
Anne Baxter, solo

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty. Your ways are just and true. Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Now we join our voices in the prayer Jesus taught His disciples:

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

Breaking of the Bread (communion by intinction)

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn

What Child is This?

arr. Don Wyrzten

Unison Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others as you gave Christ for us. In his name we pray. Amen.

Candle Lighting

Carol

Silent Night, Holy 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
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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn

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 nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains 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.

Postlude

On Christmas Night

arr. David Cherwien

POINSETTIA OFFERING

Some of the poinsettias in the sanctuary were given in honor or memory of loved ones.

Donna and David Herrin gave in honor of her parents: Jim and Shirley Overcash and in memory of his parents: Clegg and Mary Herrin.

Shirley and Jim Overcash gave in memory of their parents: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Overcash and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Morgan.

Judy and Larry Shelton gave in honor of their children and grandchildren: Evan and Chad Barnette, Graham Shelton and Joyce Palmese, and Madison and Crosby Barnette. They also gave in memory of their parents and Judy's sister: Ann and Ike Shelton, Edith and Richard Shearin, and Susan Shearin.

Denise Weeks and Henry Burke gave in honor of Marjorie Burke Honeycutt. They also gave in memory of their parents: Winnifred and Mack Weeks, and Paul Burke. They also gave in memory of Betsy and Lillian Roberts.

Holly Tree

The lighted holy tree by the nativity on the church grounds was given in memory of Dottie DuBose-Blum by her family.

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Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Barker, Interim Pastor;

Robert Owens, Liturgist;

Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;

Video Editing: Anna Raab

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Fisher Family

Music: Members of the Chancel Choir; Tonya Kirk, pianist

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