

ORDER OF WORSHIP

If your child needs care during the service, feel free to leave and return as you need to.

A comfort room is located downstairs at the rear of the sanctuary.

Childcare is also available in the Church School Building. Enter adjacent to the amphitheater.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SING

Away in a Manger (217), It Came upon the Midnight Clear (218), Do You Hear What I Hear/

Angels We Have Heard on High (238), The Little Drummer Boy/We Three Kings (254),

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (229), He is Born (228), The First Noel (245), Go, Tell It on the Mountain (251)

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Alice Rogers

GATHERING

Ding Dong Merrily on High
Combined Youth Choir

FRENCH TRADITIONAL

PRAYER

Rev. Susan Pinson

COLLECT

O Holy Night

ADAM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Blair Setnor

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

(sing) Gloria!

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.

(sing) Gloria!

for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

(sing) Gloria!

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

(sing) Gloria! . . . In Excelsis Deo!

*PROCESSIONAL 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;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,

Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;

O 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 THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-5

Rev. Brent Huckaby

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

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 all on earth!

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

MARY AND JOSEPH

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:6-7

Rev. Huckaby

HYMN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

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 th'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 Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity,

Pleased with us in flesh 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 we no more may die,

Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

SACRED DANCE

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

ANTHEM

Away in a Manger

MURRAY

All children are invited to come forward.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-19

Rev. Huckaby

THE SHEPHERDS

ANTHEM

The Friendly Beasts

FRENCH TRADITIONAL

Covenant Choir

OFFERTORY

See Amid the Winter's Snow

John Goss/arr. Willcocks

Laity Choir

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11 Rev. Huckaby

STAR DANCE *De Tierra Lejana Venimos (From a Distant Home)*
PUERTO RICAN TRADITIONAL CAROL
Translation by George K. Evans

THE MAGI

ANTHEM *Lo, How a Rose/Joseph's Song* Praetorious/Baker/Fowler

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

HYMN *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 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 angel let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

CHRISTMAS PRAYER Dr. Rogers

*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 heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, 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, wonders of his love.

*BENEDICTION Dr. Rogers

*POSTLUDE *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella* Dr. Timothy Albrecht



Nativity Triptych, John August Swanson

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

December 24, 2016 | 5:00 p.m.



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