

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2017

10 a.m. • Sanctuary

PRELUDES

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Pipkin

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Chris Cullins, Hannah Shaw, Ben Bubeck, Musicians

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

"What Child Is This?"

PRAYER

Danny Shaw

OFFERTORY

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTMAS NARRATIVE

Kelsey Stevens, Narrator

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

"Away in a Manger"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"The First Noel"

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

MESSAGE

"BRIGHTER"

John 1:1-14

Tom Pipkin

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Joy to the World"

CHRISTMAS EVE

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12, 2, 4, 5:30 and 7 p.m. • Sanctuary

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world."
John 1:9

PRELUDE

Music of the Season

Teri Rose, Harp

INTROIT, "*Hodie*"Leavitt

The Sanctuary Choir, Jim DeJarnette

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let Earth receive her King!

People: Let every heart prepare Him room, and Heaven and nature sing!

Leader: With joy let us worship our newborn King!

ADORATION AND CONFESSION

* HYMN OF PRAISE, #179, "*Joy to the World!*" (vs. 1, 2, 4)

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

* SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and what we have left undone. We have not loved Thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Thy will, and walk in Thy ways, to the glory of Thy Name. Amen.

*Congregation standing

SILENT PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF RESPONSE

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.

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**CHRISTMAS LITANY
OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG**

Raina Edwards and Matt Holtzman, Worship Leaders

ISAIAH 9:2, 6

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

LUKE 2:1-7

"Away in a Manger"

LUKE 2:8-14

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MATTHEW 2:1-6

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

MATTHEW 2:7-12

"The First Noel"

GIVING OF OURSELVES IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"Shine On Us".....Smith

SERMON

BRIGHTER

John 1:1-14

Tim McConnell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

CANDLE LIGHTING

*We light our Christmas Eve candles as a symbol
of the light of Christ spreading to the whole world.*

*(Lighted candles should be held upright
so the next person can safely receive the flame.)*

SONG OF PREPARATION

*"This Little Light of Mine" Hogan
Vonda and Emma Barnhart, Soloists*

CANDLELIGHT HYMN, "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

(At the conclusion, please extinguish candles.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN OF REJOICING, #187, "O Holy Night" (vs. 1, 3)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE, "Postlude sur un Noël" Bédard

*Congregation Standing

ASSISTING IN SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICES

12:00 p.m. – Katie Fowler, Allen Hunter
2:00 p.m. – Jennifer Holz, John Goodale
4:00 p.m. – Jennifer Holz, John Goodale
5:30 p.m. – Greg Hartnett, John Goodale
7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Holz, Tom Pipkin

MUSICIANS

Teri Rose, Harp;
Stephen Hock and Chris Lawson, Trumpet;
Frank Shelton, Organ; Marj Killick, Piano;
Jim Christian, Guitar; Jason Crowe, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

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2 and 4 p.m. • Worship Center

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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SONGS OF WORSHIP

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of Your love, and our minds are searching for the light of Your Word. Increase our longing for Christ, our Savior. Forgive us our sins by Your mercy, and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERMON

BRIGHTER

John 1:1-14

Tim McConnell

CANDLE LIGHTING

BENEDICTION

ASSISTING IN

WORSHIP CENTER SERVICES

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4:00 p.m. – Katie Fowler, Tom Pipkin