

ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 24, 2022
Christmas Pageant

4:30PM



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Prelude

Genevieve Mazzoni – Piano
Evangeline Cairns – Flute
Jacob Mueller – Piano
Emmaus and Jemima Tzeng – Piano and Violin

Standing (if able)

God Calls Us To Worship

God gathers us before
his heavenly throne for
a special time to renew
our relationship with
him together.

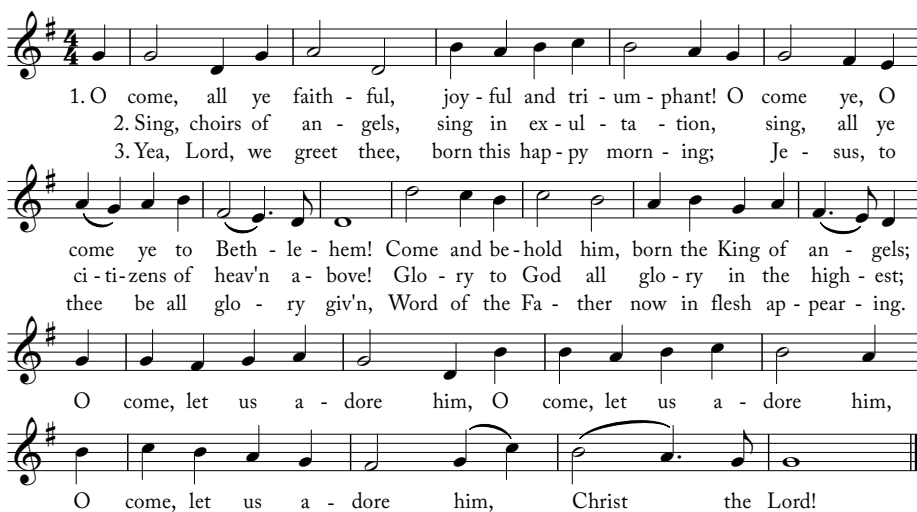
from Luke 2:11, 14; Colossians 1:19-20

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the Second Adam and image of God, Immanuel, God with us.
Give glory to God in the highest through Jesus, our Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
and through him to reconcile to himself all things in heaven and earth.
Amen!

We Praise God

We respond to God's
call by honoring his
majesty and goodness
in song.

O Come, All Ye Faithful



1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant! O come ye, O
2. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, sing, all ye
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing; Je-sus, to
come ye to Beth-le-hem! Come and be-hold him, born the King of an-gels;
ci-ti-zens of heav'n a-bove! Glo-ry to God all glo-ry in the high-est;
thee be all glo-ry giv'n, Word of the Fa-ther now in flesh ap-pear-ing.
O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him,
O come, let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, alt.
Tune: ADESTE FIDELIS; adapt. J.F. Wade

Seated

Tyler & Heather Johns, Willa, Evie, & Sybil

Tonight is Christmas Eve, a celebration of the coming of Jesus, our King and Lord incarnate, God with us, and the hope of salvation for the whole world. Tonight we light the final candle, the Christ candle.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

This is God's good news of great joy.
Glory to God in the highest!

from Luke 2:10, 14

We respond to God by affirming our trust in his word.

Standing (if able)

O Little Town of Bethlehem



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us we pray;
A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of His heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.
Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear may hear His com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King and peace to men on earth.
where meek souls will re - ceive Him still the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1868 Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

Seated

The Christmas Pageant

Pageant Greeting

Narrator 1 Luke 2:1, 3-7

Angel Choir Away In A Manger
Traditional Carol

Narrator 1 Luke 2:8-10a

Angel of the Lord Luke 2:10b-12, 14

Narrator 1 Luke 2:13

Angel Choir Carol of the Star
French Carol; Arr. D. Moore

Narrator 2 Luke 2:15-20

Narrator 2 Matthew 2:1-8a

Herod Matthew 2:8b

Narrator 3 Matthew 2:9-12

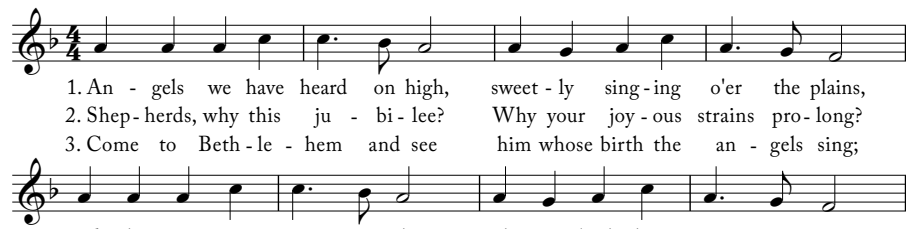
Narrator 3 John 1:1-5, 9, 14

Prayer

Pageant Closing

Angel Choir Go, Tell It on the Mountain
African American Spiritual arr. M. Patterson

Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire you heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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Text: French, 18th C.; tr. Crown of Jesus Music, 1862, alt.
 Tune: GLORIA, French, 18th C.

Luke 18:15-17

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

We Praise God

We respond to God's call by honoring his majesty and goodness in song.

God Instructs Us In Scripture Reading

God speaks to us through the Bible to instruct, encourage, correct, comfort, and equip us to know, love, and follow him.

God Instructs Us In Preaching

God speaks to us to explain what his word means and how to respond to him with loving obedience in our daily lives.

We Offer Ourselves in Gifts and Song

We respond to God's word by offering ourselves to God with renewed love and commitment both in song and in gifts of money to support God's mission in the world.

"Christmas Like a Child" - Taylor Bruce, Director of Student Ministry

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Silent Night! Holy Night!

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight.
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light,

'round yon vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far; heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - dant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born, Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord at thy birth!

Text: Joseph Mohr; tr. J. Freeman Young
Tune: Franz Gruber, 1818

Joy To the World

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come, let earth re - ceive her King.
2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em - ploy
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove

Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room, and heav'n and na - ture sing,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re - peat the sound-ing joy,
He comes to make his bless - ings flow far as the curse is found,
the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness and won - ders of his love,

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719
Tune: G. F. Händel; adapt. Lowell Mason

And all God's people said...
Hallelujah! Amen.

God Blesses Us And Sends Us Out

God sends us out into
the world with his
blessing to live with him
and serve the mission of
his kingdom.

Angel Choir:

Hugh Ayres, Renee Brockhaus, Megan Bruce, Samuel Cairns,
Eloise Coste, Hannah Coste, Margaret Grudzien, Sybil Johns, Ezra Korte,
Ella Kuhlman, Jude Lescher, Hadley Marsh, Mary Kate Marsh,
Addison McWilliams, Eloise Pollmann, Stephen Pollmann, Goodin Potashnick,
Gabrielle Sadhu, Isabelle Sadhu, Meg Surdo, Abe Toney

Cast:

Pageant Greeter.....Sophia Stogsdill
Narrator 1.....Colette Schuh
Narrator 2.....Sam Burke
Narrator 3.....Jemima Tzeng
Mary.....Genevieve Mazzoni
Joseph.....Peter Surdo
Innkeeper.....Evie Johns
Shepherds.....Nick Burke, Jacob Mueller
Angel of the Lord.....Eliot Treadwell
Herod.....William Hachem
Star Bearer.....Sophia Worley
Angel Helpers.....Lucy Ryder, Sophia Stogsdill
Wise Men.....Evie Johns (Gold), Aysa Holmes (Frankincense),
Margaret Lilly Potashnick (Myrrh)
Pageant Closing.....Nick Burke
Closing Prayer.....Genevieve Mazzoni, Peter Surdo

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