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*Embodying Jesus'
All-Encompassing
Hospitality*

December 24, 2024

3:00 & 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Childrens' bulletins and activity bags are available at each door for children to take upon entering the sanctuary.

PRELUDE

"Noel VIII"

Louis-Claude Daquin

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J.S. Bach

Fantasia on "Greensleeves"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

INTROIT (5:00 p.m.)

"O Holy Night"

Adolph Adam

(Ian Denby, soloist)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 133**

"Oh 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!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

GREETING & WELCOME *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Luke 1:26-37

The angel Gabriel visits Mary

HYMN NO. 113

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

*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; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*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 Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)*

SECOND READING

Luke 2:1-7

Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem

***HYMN NO. 115**

"Away in a Manger"

MUELLER

*Away in a manger, no crib for His 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 poor Baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my side until 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.*

THIRD READING

Luke 2:8-14

The angel announces the birth of the Savior

*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, peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him. (Refrain)*

***THE PEACE** *(responsive)*

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace

FOURTH READING

Luke 2:15-20

The shepherds visit the Christ child

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*Please use this time to reflect on how we might
offer ourselves, and our resources, to God*

*Four ways to give: Please drop a check in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary,
mail a check to the church office, click the GIVE NOW button on our website, or text STAMPC to 73256*

OFFERTORY (5:00 p.m.)

"Sing Noel"

Louis-Claude Daquin/Mark Schweizer

*Angels singing o'er the earth, Sweetly tell the story.
And proclaim the joyous birth, Telling of God's glory.
"Peace on earth" the angels sing, "and to all, salvation bring,"
Noel, Noel, sing glory, Tell the angel's story.*

*Shepherds, hearing of the news, Journeyed to the stable,
Leaving flocks of lambs and ewes, Went as they were able.
There they saw the holy child, Christ, the Savior, meek and mild,
Noel, Noel, sing glory, Tell the shepherd's story.*

*Wisemen, coming from afar, Through the fields and fountains,
Following the distant star, Over moors and mountains.
Here at last their gifts they bring, And behold the newborn King,
Noel, Noel, sing glory, Tell the ancient story.*

*Like the blessed ones that night, We shall bow before Him,
And behold the glorious sight, Worship and adore Him.
See Him in the manger laid, Christ, the Lord, is born today,
Noel, Noel, sing glory, Tell the wondrous story.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of power, we praise You for Jesus Christ, who came to show us Your way of love and grace. We thank You for the hope of the prophets, the song of the angels, and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We thank You that in Jesus You became flesh and dwelt among us, sharing human hurts and pleasures. Glory to You, for Your grace-filled love. Glory to You, eternal God; through Jesus Christ, Lord of lords, and King of kings, now and forever.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Candle lighting liturgy

LIGHTING OF CHRISTMAS CANDLES

The light is passed throughout the sanctuary as the carol is sung

HYMN NO. 122

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

STILLE NACHT

(Please remain seated)

*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 host 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.*

(Please extinguish candles)

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

*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 us our 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 of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Carillon de Westminster”

Louis Vierne

**Please stand as you are able*

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by the power of the Holy Spirit

VISION STATEMENT

Embodying Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Lucinda Weiss to the glory of God and in loving celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

3:00 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff: Greeting and Welcome, Prayer of the Day, Christmas Meditation, Christmas Proclamation, Charge and Benediction

Anne Reid Broos, Director of Children and Young Family Ministry: First Reading, Second Reading, The Peace, Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer, Offering, Prayer of Thanksgiving

Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist

Readers: First, Anne Reid Broos; Second, Anne Reid Broos; Third, Owen Broos; Fourth, Ella Stokes

Lighting the Christ Candle: Chris, JoAnna, Adeline, Abigail, Henry Pang

5:00 p.m.

Rev. Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach: Greeting and Welcome, Prayer of the Day, First Reading, Christmas Meditation, Christmas Proclamation, Charge and Benediction

Mary Scine, Director of College Ministry: Third Reading, The Peace, Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer, Offering, Prayer of Thanksgiving

Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist

Readers: First, Rev. Rachael McNeal; Second, Sofia Forbes; Third, Mary Scine; Fourth, Emily Walczak

Lighting the Christ Candle: Mary Alice and Paul Sapp