

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

4:00 p.m.

“Joy to the World”

Grace Ringers

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8:00 p.m.

“Ukrainian Bell Carol”

Canterbury Bells

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We Come into Worship

“Angels Among Us”

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Responsive Prayer

L: Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,

**P: alight within us your flame of love this day.**

L: Grant us openness to hear your message.

**P: Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world, creating more love in the midst of fear.**

L: And with the angel messengers above us, among us and within us, we sing together ...

**Do not be afraid**

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\*Carol

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

UMH 220

*By James Montgomery, 1816, Henry T. Smart, 1867 ~ Public Domain*

**Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;  
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**

Passing the Peace

L: I invite you to pass the love of Christ with your neighbors, for each time we connect with one another, love grows. May the love of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

*Please share signs of peace with one another*

Children's Moments

Ellen White

Song of Preparation

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

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**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Scripture Dramatization

Luke 2: 1-20

adapted from The Voice translation

Carol

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

UMH 238

*Words: Trad. French Carol; trans. Crown of Jesus, 1862; Music: French carol melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937 ~ Public Domain; harmony by Austin C. Lovelace ©1964 OneLicense #A-739344*

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
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?  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

Anthem

“Light a Candle on this Silent Night”

Chancel Choir

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The Offering

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“Breath of Heaven”

Elizabeth Tombouliau

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\*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
 Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.  
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
 Rejoice! Rejoice!  
 Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

**God of love and possibility, we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into your good news for the sake of the world. Amen.**

A Time of Prayer

*Please respond*

L: We hear the message of God,

**P: Do not be afraid.**

Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

L: Lift up your hearts!

**P: We lift them up to the Lord!**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: In the beginning you created light ... with all of the saints and angels:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

L: You sent your Son, Jesus— ... And so as we celebrate the birth of hope anew, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ *has* died; Christ *is* risen; Christ *will* come again.**

The Lord’s Prayer



**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever! Amen!**

### Communion

**Song During Communion “Do You Hear What I Hear?” Elizabeth Tomboulian**  
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### The Mission to the Messengers

**\*Song of Awe “Silent Night, Holy Night” UMH 239**  
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**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 angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

**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.**

\*Blessing

