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December 24, 2020 Online Service available 6:00 PM

THEME FOR DECEMBER: A Joy for All Seasons



OPENING WORDS

PRELUDE

Rejoice Greatly George Frideric Handel, arr. Larry Shackley Four-Hand Pianist: Todd Davis

Carole Soprano: Sarah Rodgers Claire Cloninger, Robert Sterling

Angels from the Realms of Glory arr. Jason W. Krug Handbell Choir: Todd Davis, Jan Ocamb, Wilma Rockey, Rylee Sorrells, Jeff Row, Jodi Walters

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven Paul Laboche, Jason Ingram Youth Singers: Meredith Hetrick, Angel Snyder, Kaylynn Snyder, Rylee Sorrells

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Pianist: Andrew Wickenheiser

Reaching
Soloist: Cindy Durburow

William Gaither

A King Like This Pianist: Todd Davis Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin

He Has Come for Us Soloist: Michelle Loomis Meredith Andrews

Mary Did You Know Soprano: Amy Rynex

Mark Lowry, Buddy Greene

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE**

Advent Song: Little light for you+

Through Bethlehem's skies, you sent your light, Into our world that silent night, Down through the ages, we can see, Your mercy and love for eternity

Chorus

Lord I want to be a little light for you,
Just a little, little light for you,
Help me Lord to help someone see you through,
Be a little, little, light for you

Through heartache and cries, you send your love, Into our world, to lead us now, Down in our brokenness, we can see, Your light that can lead us to eternity

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 9:1-7 - The Message)

George Karnes

- L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
- A: For those who lived in a land of deep shadows— light! Sunbursts of light!
- L: You repopulated the nation, you expanded its joy.
- A: Oh, they're so glad in your presence! Festival joy!
- L: The joy of a great celebration, sharing rich gifts and warm greetings.
- A: The abuse of oppressors and cruelty of tyrants. All their whips and cudgels and curses.
- L: Is gone, done away with, a deliverance as surprising and sudden as Gideon's old victory over Midian.
- A: The boots of all those invading troops, along with their shirts soaked with innocent blood, will be piled in a heap and burned, a fire that will burn for days!
- L: For a child has been born—for us!
- A: The gift of a son—for us!
- L: He'll take over the running of the world.
- A: His names will be: Amazing Counselor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness.
- L: His ruling authority will grow, and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings.
- A: He'll rule from the historic David throne over that promised kingdom.
- L: He'll put that kingdom on a firm footing and keep it going with fair dealing and right living, beginning now and lasting always.
- A: The zeal of God-of-the-Angel-Armies will do all this.

Hymn* O Come All Ye Faithful

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;

Refrain:

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;

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

OPENING PRAYER** George Karnes

Lord, thank you for this beautiful night: this Silent night, this Holy night. We celebrate the witness of the angels that led the shepherds to the manger. We recall the light of the star that led the wise men to the Christ child. We live in a world where the human heart is longing and searching for love, truth, hope, peace, and life. Help us not to look far tonight but to walk humbly to the manger and look into the face of the Christ child. Quieten our troubled hearts there. Answer our deepest questions there. Fulfill our inner longings there. As we bow in wonder help us to not miss the shadow of the cross over the cradle in Bethlehem. Lord, let my hunger for you lead me to the greatest joy. In the name of the one who became flesh and dwelt among us. Amen.

ANTHEM O Holy Night Adolphe Adam

Soloist: Bruce Snyder

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-11 George Karnes

ANTHEM A Cradle in Bethlehem Al Bryan, Lawrence Stock

Soloist: Bruce Snyder

CHILDREN'S TALK

Nehara Andrews

Hymn* While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground; the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.

Thus spake the seraph and forthwith appeared a shining throng of angels praising God on high, who thus addressed their song, who thus addressed their song: "All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to earth begin and never cease, begin and never cease!"

Hymn* Silent Night, Holy Night

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
Heav'nly 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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Jason W. Krug Handbell Choir: Allyn Litzelman, George Karnes, Kathy Karnes, Wilma Rockey, Jodi Walters, Karen Zeedick

In Charge of Trinity: The Heavenly Father
Rev. Arun Andrews, Senior Pastor
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
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