

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**Christmas Eve Service**

Thursday, December 24, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

**Prelude:** "Christmas Bell Medley" (arr. Christine D. Anderson)

*(O Come, All Ye Faithful; Away in a Manger; Angels from the Realms of Glory; Hark! The Herald Angels Sing)*

**Welcome and Opening Sentences**

**Introit:** "A Frosty Christmas Eve" (Robert Bridges and John Denver)

**Carol 100:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**Solo:** "I Wonder as I Wander" (Appalachian Carol, arr. John Jacob Niles and Lewis H. Horton)

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

**Special Music:** "Glad Tidings" (Welsh Carol)

**New Testament Reading:** Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

**Solo:** "He Shall Feed His Flock" (from George Frideric Handel's Messiah)

**Offertory Moment**

**Offertory Solo:** "O Holy Night" (Adolphe C. Adam, arr. Cindy Berry)

## ***Lighting of the Christ Candle***

***Carol 107:*** "Joy to the World"

***Gospel Reading:*** John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

***Duet:*** "Gesù Bambino" ("The Infant Jesus") (Frederick H. Martens and Pietro A. Yon)

***Meditation:*** "CHRISTMAS WITHOUT JESUS?"

***Duet:*** "A Celtic Silent Night" (Joseph Mohr, Franz Grüber, arr. Patrick Tierney)

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response 466:*** "This Little Light of Mine"

**Tonight's Participants:** Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Rev. Linda Farmer-Lewis, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Marsha Hacker, April Lakatos, Kim and Lorraine Finison, Charles and Jan Fleck

Our Christmas Eve collection will be given to the Salvation Army. Some will remember that until the last couple of years, we dedicated the collection every year in honor of Mayflower's long-time member and the Salvation Army's long-time volunteer, Blanche Samohovetz, who passed away last year at age 99½. Because our service is virtual this year, you may make your donation in any way that is convenient--cash or checks payable to the church can be mailed by December 31 or brought to the church next Sunday morning before or after the service. Contact Lorraine at 321-3221 if you need to make other arrangements. Thanks for your support of this most worthy charity!

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

Latin by John F. Wade, 1711–1786

John F. Wade's, *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

Trans. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, and others

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2. ♪ Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, ♪  
 3. ♪ Child for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, ♪  
 4. ♪ Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, ♪

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
 We would em - brace Thee, with love and awe;  
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;  
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
 Who would not love Thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?  
 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!

The musical score consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

## Adeste Fideles

# 101

John F. Wade, 1711–1786

1. Adeste fideles,  
 Laeti triumphantes,  
 Venite, venite in Bethlehem:  
 Natum videte  
 Regem angelorum:  
 Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,  
 Venite, adoremus Dominum.
  
2. Cantet nunc iohannes  
 Chorus angelorum,  
 Cantet nunc aula caelestium:  
 Gloria in  
 Excelsis Deo:  
 Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,  
 Venite, adoremus Dominum.
  
3. Ergo qui natus  
 Die hodierna,  
 Jesu, tibi sit gloria:  
 Patris aeterni  
 Verbum caro factum:  
 Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,  
 Venite, adoremus Dominum.

Joy to the World

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Attr. to George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re-  
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let men their  
 3. No more let sin and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks,  
 fest the ground; He comes to make His  
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His

pare Him room, And heav'n and na - ture  
 hills, and plains Re - peat the sound - ing  
 bless - ings flow Far as the curse is  
 right - eous - ness, And won - ders of His

And  
Re -  
Far  
And

Second verse: "Let all their songs employ"

# THE TRIUNE GOD

sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And  
 joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -  
 found, Far as the curse is found, Far  
 love, And won - ders of His love, And

heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

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 as, far as the curse is found.  
 won - ders, won - ders of His love. A - men.

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O Lord Christ, born into our world this day:  
 Bring joy to our hearts,  
 that we would make room for Your grace.  
 Place Your song on our lips,  
 that we would proclaim good news for all to hear.  
 Give clear vision to our eyes,  
 that we would see Your blessings flow all around us.  
 Create peace among all nations,  
 that we would dwell in harmony as brothers and sisters.  
 Grant hope to our souls,  
 that we would experience Your kingdom in our lives.  
 We receive You now,  
 who comes to us as purest love, in awe and wonder.  
 Amen.

This Little Light of Mine

Matthew 5:14-16  
Spiritual

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Arr. by Nolan E. Williams, Jr., b.1969-

G C/G G D7 G

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine.

oh

C G

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C/G G B Em

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C G/D Em7 A G/D D7 G C/G G

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4. Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine....
5. All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine....