

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Handbell Prelude: "He Is Born" (18th Century French Carol, arr. Barbara B. Kinyon)

Welcome and Opening Sentences

Opening Prayer

Introit: "Torches" (John Joubert)

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

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Anthem: "Advent Cry" (from The Winter Rose) (Joseph M. Martin)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Duet: "When a Child Is Born" (Fred Jacobson and Zaccar, arr. Audrey Snyder)

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

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

Compassionate Giving

Lighting of the Christ Candle

* **Carol (on insert):** "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" (Gustav Holst, arr. Richard E. Frey)

(The congregation will join on verses 1, 2, and 4, as indicated on the insert; watch for cues)

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5

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.

* **Carol 133:** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Meditation: "CHRISTMAS LIGHTS"

Special Music: "On This Still, Silent Night" (German Carols, arr. Laura Farnell)
(The congregation will join on verse 1 of "Silent Night"; watch for cue)

Benediction

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

Verse 1 (hold candles): This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (*3 times*). Let it shine (*3 times*).

Verse 2 (hold candles): Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. . .

Verse 3 (wave candles): Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. . .

Verse 4 (wave candles): Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine. . .

Verse 5 (hold candles high): All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine. . .

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Jennifer Hall, Marsha Hacker, Jamie Keller, Kim and Lorraine Finison, Roger Kennedy, the Chancel Choir, the Mayflower Ringers

The Christmas Eve collection will be given to the Greater Lansing Food Bank. The need for food assistance is particularly great right now, as it has been during the pandemic. Thanks for your support of this most worthy charity!

2022 pledges/contributions may be placed in the collection on Christmas Eve, but please clearly designate the amount for each. Also, Christmas Eve is the deadline for all contributions and donations for calendar year 2022. The final deposit for 2022 will be made on Monday, Dec. 26.

If you reserved a poinsettia but are not attending the Christmas Eve Service, please arrange with Lorraine to pick it up soon. If you would like yours to be delivered to you or to a shut-in, please let DeeAnn or Lorraine know.

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 bass line 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.

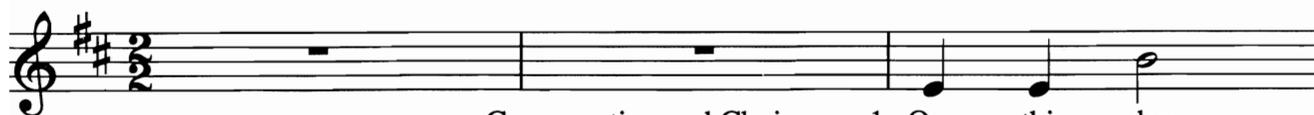
3. Ergo qui natus
 Die hodierna,
 Jesu, tibi sit gloria:
 Patris aeterni
 Verbum caro factum:
 Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,
 Venite, adoremus Dominum.

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Congregation

Piae Cantiones, 1582
Tr. by Jane M. Joseph

PIAE CANTIONES, 1582
Arranged by Richard E. Frey



Congregation and Choir
Choir Only
Choir Only
Congregation and Choir

1. On this day
2. His the doom,
3. God's bright star
4. On this day



earth shall ring with the song chil - dren sing
ours the mirth; when he came down to earth,
o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led;
an - gels sing; with their song earth shall ring,



to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to
Beth - le - hem saw his birth; ox and ass be -
kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts be -
prais - ing Christ, heav - en's King, born on earth to

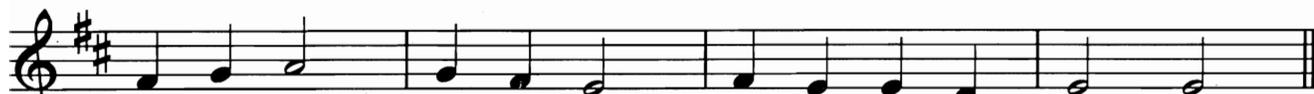


save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.
side him from the cold would hide him.
fore him, praise him and a - dore him.
save us; peace and love he gave us.



Refrain

Id - e - o - o - o, id - e - o - o - o,



id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

THE TRIUNE GOD

133

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Speier Gesangbuch, 1599

Sts. 1, 2, trans. by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934

St. 3, *The Hymnal, 1940*

Geistliche Kirchengesang, Cologne, 1599

Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath
2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The Rose I have in
3. O Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the

sprung! Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing As men of old have
mind, With Mar-y we be - hold it, The Vir-gin Moth - er
air, Dis - pel in glo-rious splen-dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -

sung. It came, a blos-som bright, A - mid the cold of
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to men a
where; True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and death now

win - ter, When half spent was the night.
Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

7.6.7.6.6.7.6

First verse: "As those of old have sung"

Second verse: "She bore to us a Savior"

POINSETTIAS 2022

Bill and Sue Baldwin	In memory of her parents, Robert and Jean McKinnon, and his parents and brother, William, Barbara, and Stephen Baldwin
Carleen Brammell	In memory of loved ones
Karen Crampo	In memory of her husband, Charles, Sr.
Kim and Lorraine Finison	In memory of her parents, Angelo and Gwendolyn Vassallo
Kim and Lorraine Finison	In memory of his parents, Joe L. and Velma Finison
Lorraine Finison	In memory of Doris Graham, Jan Holcomb, Marge Cook, Ruth Berry, Bill McHarris
Jan Fleck	In memory of her mother, Ida Mae Johnson
Maryanna Foster	In memory of her husband, Michael, and their parents
Jerry and Barb Fuller	In recognition of Judy Braska's deep love for her family and friends
Terry and Sharon Graham	In memory of Doris, our mom, grandma, great grandma
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of Bob Pearson
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of Bob G's wife, Patricia
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of Bob G's and Darleen's mother, Lelah Gress-Smith
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of Bob G's and Darleen's grandparents, Rev. George and Pearle Hall
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of their friend, John Rolfe
Tom and Marsha Hacker	In memory of his parents, Ted and Jo Hacker, and her parents, Marvin and Ruth Shanks
Jennifer Hall	In memory of her father, Lloyd Hall, Jr., and her grandparents, Lloyd, Sr., and Sara Hall and Martin and Kathryn Wing
Roger and Meredith Kennedy	In memory of loved ones
Bruce and Wendy Kushion	In honor of their sons, their wives, and grandchildren: Steven and Jenni Kushion and Ava and Addie; and Brian and Lauren Kushion and Leah and Owen
Mark and DeeAnn McCormick	In memory of her parents, Loyal and Arlene Dean
Mark and DeeAnn McCormick	In memory of his parents, Rev. Everett and Loverna McCormick
Nancy McKay	In memory of her husband, Dick, and their parents, Norman and Ila McKay and Russell and Leone Parish
Beverly Miller	In memory of her husband, Fred
Arlene Moore	In memory of her husband, Jimmy
Eugene and Shirley Potts	In memory of his mother, Marion Potts
Eugene and Shirley Potts	In honor of the Mitchell Family
Mary Robison	In memory of her dear Norm, who died 8 years ago Dec. 19
Mary Robison	In memory of her brother, Bill Bishop
Mary Robison	In memory of her mother, Myra Lu Bishop
Mary Robison	In memory of her father, David Bishop
Justin Stephens and Jamie Keller	In honor of his grandma, Sharon Stephens
Justin Stephens and Jamie Keller	In memory of his grandma, Colleen Beach
Terry and Gwen Tisdale	In appreciation of Pastor Mark and DeeAnn
Frank and Linda Wheeler	In memory of his parents, Delores and Glen Pettis, and her parents, Ruth and Raymond Keller
Gordon Wilson and Deenie Leshar	In memory of his mother, Doreen Brown
Gordon Wilson and Deenie Leshar	In memory of her mother, Jean Johnson
Susan Yaeger and family	In memory of her parents, Dan and Blanche Samohovetz