

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Carols (seated): 111 - "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and 132 - "Away in a Manger"
(Please join in singing these familiar carols)

Duet: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (John F. Wade, arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard)

Greeting

Prelude: "Torches, Torches" (J. B. Trend and John Joubert)

Opening Prayer (in unison)

O wondrous God of starlit night and peaceful sight, with gentle shepherd bearing staff, and caring herder with yearling calf, we gather. On this winter night of awe and wonder, with head and hearts that tend to wander, we gather. Give us faith to see the child, our king, the babe for whom the angels sing. Then lead us where the Christ child lay, to see our God in loving way, who comes to change the wrong to right, and turn the dark into the light. Amen.

Carol 100: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Anthem: "This Child" (Pamela Martin and Craig Courtney)

Compassionate Giving

Offertory: "Christmas Medley" (arr. Cindy Berry)

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 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!'

(OVER)

Carol 121: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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.

Duet: "In the Bleak Midwinter" (Gustav Holst, arr. Craig Courtney)

Meditation: "THE INADEQUATE SERMON"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Carol 135: "Silent Night"

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. . .

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Rachel Gehres,
Barb Fuller, Marsha Hacker, Jamie Keller, Chancel Choir

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893

Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, And
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De -

still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and
 gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, the
 won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts to
 scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and

dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
 hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
 en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in the dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly
 No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings

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Light; The hopes and fears of
birth! And prais - es sing to
sin, Where meek souls will re -
tell; O come to us, a -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.
God the King, And peace to all on earth.
ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Eternal God, Creator of every star that shines in the night sky, shine on in our darkness. Bless us with warmth and light for the world.

We thank You for the Light of Your love which came into the world in Jesus Christ. May that life-giving Gift shine in our hearts this season and throughout our lives.

Help us to use the life You have given us to illumine the world around us, through expressions of Your love and grace within us.

May the reflection of the little town of Bethlehem shine in the hearts and minds of all people, to overcome evil with good, prejudice with respect, violence with peace.

As we live out Your love each day, may more light and truth shine forth from Your Holy Spirit through us. Amen.

Rev. David Gray

Away in a Manger

St. 1-2, anonymous,

St. 3, John T. McFarland, 1851-1913

Unison

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for His bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask You to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
 I love You, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Your ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
 And fit us for heav - en to live with You there.

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

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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.

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Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French Carol

French Carol

Trans. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply
strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be,
an - gels sing; Come a - dore on bend - ed knee,

Ech - o back their joy - ous strains. Glo -
Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.
Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

ri - a

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in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a series of chords and a melodic line. The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and a melodic line. The lyrics 'in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo' are positioned between the two staves.

ri - a

The second system of music continues the composition. The upper staff features a more active melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower staff continues the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'ri - a' are placed between the staves.

in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The upper staff ends with a final chord and a fermata. The lower staff also concludes with a final chord and a fermata. The lyrics 'in ex - cel - sis De - o.' are positioned between the staves.

God of all our days, during this season of rejoicing when we feel the brush of angel wings, we offer ourselves, incarnate beings with "skin on," as ambassadors with willing feet, ready to spread the Gospel of love that the angels announced so long ago in the fields of Galilee. May we be ever able and willing to sing the songs and walk the walk of a Savior God who loves us too much to ever let us go. Noël!

Rev. Marilyn Smith Glavin

Silent Night, Holy Night

Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848

Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

Trans. by John F. Young, 1820–1885

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm,
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep-herds quake
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child,
 at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light Ra - dian't beams from Thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
 Heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy

peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Matthew 5:14-16
Spiritual

Spiritual
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

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

oh

C/G G B Em

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

oh

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....

POINSETTIAS 2024

Bill and Sue Baldwin	In memory of her parents, Robert and Jean McKinnon, and his parents and brother, William, Barbara, and Stephen Baldwin
Ron and Kathy Farnum	In memory of his parents, Billie and Maxine Farnum, and her parents, Bill and Shirley Denton
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, Mary Robison, Roy Ketcheson, and Gordon Wilson
Jan Fleck	In memory of her sister, Linda Freier
Maryanna Foster	In memory of those who have gone before us
Jerry and Barb Fuller	In deep appreciation for 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
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of their cousin, John Dashner
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
Daun Ketcheson	In memory of her husband, Roy
Stephanie Kittleson	In memory of her husband, Kyle
Stephanie Kittleson	In memory of her parents, Leonard and Evangeline Ortino
Marian Korroch	In memory of her husband, Erwin
Marian Korroch	In honor of her sons, Tom, Bob, Dave, and Jim
Marian Korroch	In memory of her parents, Harlan and Mildred Reason, and her grandparents, Ernest and MaryEtta Hunt
Larry and Louise Koster	In memory of his parents, Larry and Louise Koster
Larry and Louise Koster	In memory of her parents, Harold and Helen Rutila
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
Dr. Bob and Judy Posey	In memory of his parents, Robert and Frieda Posey, and her parents, Edgar and Damaras Rogers
Eugene and Shirley Potts	In memory of his dear aunt, Hatsuko Stroman
Richard and Charlotte Shoup	In memory of his parents, Lawrence and Blanche Shoup, and her parents, Robert and Ruth Nave
Justin Stephens and Jamie Keller	In honor of his grandma, Sharon Stephens
Justin Stephens and Jamie Keller	In memory of his grandma, Colleen Beach
Frank and Linda Wheeler	In memory of his parents, Delores and Glen Pettis, and her parents, Ruth and Raymond Keller
Susan Yaeger and family	In memory of her parents, Dan and Blanche Samohovetz