

HYMN No. 170 * (all verses)

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when, with the ever circling years, shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER ('debts')

HYMN NO. 164 * (all verses)

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, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

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.

THE BENEDICTION* (carefully extinguish candles)

Rev. Spencer

* Those who are able are invited to stand *** seating interval

Following worship candles may be deposited in boxes at the exit doors. You are invited to keep your candle and take it home as a reminder of the light of God's love.

Greeters: Elder Gil Warren, Elder Cheryl Gaskill

Ushers: Jack Haag, Kevin Chumney, Jack Terry, Dave Barr, Brian Donahue, Mike McNeil

Elders Serving Communion: Mike Baker, Kelly Eagles, Cheryl Gaskill, Bruce Melson, Gil Warren, Joyce Wenzke

Sound Operator: Harris Ransom

Property Staff: Ken Wehn

Trustee: Jeff Legath



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2019

8:30 p.m.

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."

Luke 2: 10-11

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THE WORSHIP OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR
December 24, 2019 8:30 p.m.

WELCOME Kelly LePenske

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* Mengel
Chancel Choir Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Steve, Tamara, Christian, Isabel,
Bethany and Jonathan Trzeciak

HYMN NO. 146 * *Joy to the World*

PRAYER OF ADORATION Kelly LePenske

CHRISTMAS LITURGY Maggie McNeil

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy, is God the Lord, the Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

People: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and they beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

All: (seated and singing)
King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Leader: For the law was given by Moses.

People: But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Leader: No one hath seen God at any time.

People: The only begotten Son, Who is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.

All: (seated and singing)
And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love; For that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above, and He leads His children on to the place where He has gone.

Leader: In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. He was in the world and the world knew Him not. He came unto his own, and His own received Him not. But to as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the children of God, even to them that believe in His name: born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, but of God.

People: He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. He upholdeth all things by His power, being the brightness of God's glory, and the express image of His person.

SOLO *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing* Trad. English Carol
Grace Rykaczewski, Soloist

*Then why should we on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad?
Then why should we on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad?
when from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty?
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen."*

Leader: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, and good will toward all men and women!

People: Glory be to Thee, Lord God our Father, in that Thou has chosen us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, before the foundation of the world.

Leader: Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us, that we should be His children.

People: Thou has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Let us be wise men and women as we, with one accord, sing praise to thee, our Lord, Amen.

HYMN NO. 171 * *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

CHRISTMAS OFFERING Rev. Stuart Spencer

OFFERTORY *Christmas Lullaby* Stone
Chapel Choir Lauren Clark, Alto Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

GOSPEL READING Luke 2: 8-20 (page 58 Pew Bible) Rev. Spencer

SERMON *"For To You Christ is Born"* Rev. Spencer

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Hymn No. 167 (verse 3, Elders come forward)

Distribution of the Elements (gluten free/allergy friendly rice crackers available) *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Communion music, selected carols by the Chapel Choir

To a Virgin, Meek and Mild

Gwen Wilkie, Soloist

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Sam Scheibe, Soloist

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

When receiving a flame from the person next to you, be careful to tip your UNLIT candle to the lit one. As we light our candles remembering Jesus is the Light of the World, let us stand and sing ...

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