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The Nativity of the Lord The Christmas Tableau

December 24, 2017

4:00 PM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here this night.

Large print hymnals, Bibles, and hearing devices are available for your use. Please contact any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.



The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Creator, You have given us the gift of children and of childhood.
Let us embrace the child within us and those near to us and far from us,
and celebrate the gifts children bring.

NARRATOR: 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,

ANGEL: “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.”

NARRATOR: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

ANGELS: “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth, peace among those whom he favors.”

NARRATOR: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this Child and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Congregation (seated)

*We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising we are raising, worshiping God Most High.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in a stone-cold tomb.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

NARRATOR: In the time of Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the Child who has been born King of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means the least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, His mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Christian Johnson

OFFERTORY HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

Congregation (seated)

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

*Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

ANTHEM

The Friendly Beasts
Bill McCoy

Robert Davis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Christian Johnson

Thank you, God, for coming to us in a human life so expressive of love, that two thousand years have not extinguished the flame. May that love burn so brightly in our lives that its fires will spread. Use our offerings to ignite in the world such caring and compassion, that all may know the joy of Your peace, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PASSING THE LIGHT TO THE CONGREGATION

*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.*

BENEDICTION

Bill McCoy

*HYMN

Joy to the World

Congregation (standing)

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.*

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We welcome all who worship with us on this Christmas Eve.

If you would like to express your commitment to Jesus Christ through membership in our Church,
we invite you to meet with a pastor following the service.

Please place your candle in one of the receptacles at the exits as you leave.
Merry Christmas!

Please join us for our Candlelight Worship Service this evening at 7:00 p.m.

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve Tableau 2017 Worship Leaders

Mary

Lauren Ballard

Innkeeper

Theron Raab

Angel of the Light

Maggie Morton

Infant Jesus

Chance Mitchell

Angel Gabriel

Emma Berger

Angel of the Lord

Bekah Grishaber

Joseph

Sawyer Slack

King Herod

Eli Smith

Angel Carrying the Star

Ellie Hoblitzell

The Friendly Beasts

Cow

Will Ballard

Donkey

A. J. Mitchell

Dove

Alicia Raab

Sheep with Curly Horn

Chevii Martin

Shepherds

Wilson Berger

Zeke Cavender

Samuel Slack

Magi

Brooks Bailey

Jack Berger

Joe Burton

Silas Cavender

Riley Crislip

Will Forbes

Sheep

Lauren Arbogast

Lisette Bailey

Julia Campbell

Henry Crislip

Courtney Hawkins

Cameron Johnstone

Jackson Kidd

Sophia Lewis

Kiley Mitchell

Amelia Rose Shelton

Angels

Ali Arbogast

Bailey Burton

Lila Crislip

Kristen Dettinger

Raegan Elmore

Addie Forbes

Charlotte Hoblitzell

Amelia Keller

Catelynn Kidd

Caroline Lane

Bailey Smith

Amelia Westerman

Narrators

Kiera Daugherty

James Odin

Director of Child & Family Ministry

Janet Chambers

Director

Sallie Daugherty

Orchestra

Mary Odin— Director & Piano

Ruth Odin—Violin

Bill McCoy—Guitar, Vocals

Technical Crew

Byron Goodew—Lights

Wayne Odin—Sound

Nancy Daugherty—Follow Spot

Helpers, & Volunteers

Allison Ballard

Katie Berger

Dave Campbell

Sandy Campbell

Doug Chambers

Tom Daugherty

Dawn Hawkins

Les Hawkins

Haley Kuyk

Lindsey Kuyk Albertson

Pam Kuyk

Addie Riley

Kim Smith

Ginna Taylor