

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2017 | 7:30 pm

(Men) Alleluia, alleluia
Christ, the Savior of the world
He has come!
(Women) Alleluia, alleluia
To the highest name of all
Alleluia

(All) Alleluia, alleluia
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Alleluia

The heavens roar, the angels sing
All glory to our God and King!
O night divine forever more
Alleluia (x2)

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Christ, the Savior of the world
He has come!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the highest name of all
Alleluia!

You're the Highest name of all
Alleluia!

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Christmas Prayer and Passing of the Light

At this time, kids are invited to bend and shake their glow stick candles to activate the light.

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 Saviour is born! Christ, the Saviour is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr 1792-1885; Tr. by John F. Young 1820-1885; Music: Franz Gruber 1787-1863

Benediction

You are invited to enjoy hot apple cider and gingerbread cookies following the service.
Merry Christmas from West Point Grey Baptist to you and yours!

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Welcome! May you find in this Christmas Eve Candlelight Service a significant opportunity to reflect on the mystery of Christmas. Tonight, we not only acknowledge the story of Jesus' birth, 2000 years ago, but, more importantly, the truth that is at the heart of its meaning, Emmanuel, God with us.

This service is in the traditional format of "Lessons and Carols". The Readings, or "Lessons", are taken directly from Scripture as we follow the story of the nativity. The readings, special music, and carols that follow are our response in worship to the wonderful news declared in each of the readings. The candlelight, so central to this service, speaks of the light of Christ that enters our darkened world. We believe that Jesus Christ is the light and hope of the world!

Prelude

- Beverley Neville

Welcome

- Rev. Matt Kitchener

(please read the **bold**)

The impossible is about to happen in a stable.
This is the evening when creation stood still and held its breath,

**This is the evening when God embraced humanity
as one of us, from birth to death.**

So let us gather with ever beating hearts
staying with Mary and Joseph
wondering, labouring, longing, expecting
the promise to break through the night

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

**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.**

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels.
**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above: Glory to God all glory in the Highest;
O come, let us adore Him...

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born that happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore Him...

Latin Hymn, 18th Cent., Tr. by Frederick Oakley 1802-1880 and others / Music: ADESTE FIDELES Irregular; John F. Wade's "Cantus Diversi" 1751

Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a Virgin's womb:
Veil'd in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleas'd as man with men to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King."

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-1788; Music: Arr: Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

The Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 9:1-7 - Bob Taylor

Special Music "O Holy Night" - Pavel Cichockistore, Paul Birch

Joseph and Mary Matthew 1:18-22, Luke 1: 26-38 - Colin Godwin, Terry Orlale

Special Music "Mary Did You Know" - Tunyi Dzuthotso, Beverley Neville

The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-7 - Linda Throness

What child is this, who laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

**This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.**

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King...

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own Him,
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ the King...

Shepherds Proclaim Luke 2:8-14

Please read the **(bold)**

It was a night like any other. The shepherds
sat in the darkness, watching over their sheep. The quiet darkness
reminded them that the rest of the world was sleeping.

Audience (in a whisper): **Jesus is born.**

Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to
the shepherds, and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be
afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all
the people."

Audience (loudly): **Jesus is born!**

Today in the town of David a Savior has
been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

This will be a sign to you: You will find a
baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
Suddenly a great company of the heavenly
host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying...

Audience: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to all on whom his favor rests.**

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 all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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.

Words: Isaac Watts 1674 - 1748 / Music: Attr. to George F. Handel 1685 - 1759 / arr. by Lowell Mason 1792-1872

Christmas Devotional

- Matt Kitchener

O come let us adore Him (x3)
Christ the Lord

We'll give Him all the glory (x3)
Christ the Lord

For He alone is worthy (x3)
Christ the Lord