



**5:00 Service**  
**December 24, 2018 + Christmas Eve**

# Order of Worship

Liturgist is Tim Page

## Prelude

Violin: Cecilia Mazzoni, Sam Wenger-Stickel

Piano: Sophia Mueller, Ava Gould, Jackson Gould, Emmaus Tzeng

## God's promises prepare us to worship

Paul Kunnath

Reader: Tonight is Christmas Eve, the final evening of anticipation of the coming of Jesus, our King and Lord incarnate, God with us. Tonight we light the final candle, the Christ candle.

Reader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Reader: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Reader: This is God's word.

**All: *This is our story. Thanks be to God!***

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## God calls us to worship

Liturgist: Merry Christmas! Jesus is born!

**All: *Jesus is born indeed! Hallelujah!***

Liturgist: Give glory to God in the highest through Jesus, who is Christ the Lord.

**All: *Amen!***

# We praise God

## Angels We Have Heard on High

Text: Traditional French carol  
Tune: Traditional French melody

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

REFRAIN    Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
                  Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
which inspire your heav'nly song? REFRAIN

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. REFRAIN

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

Text: John Francis Wade 1751  
Tune: John Francis Wade, *Cantus Diversi* 1751

1. 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!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above:  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n,  
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing.  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

# The Christmas Pageant

**Herald 1**

**Narrator 1** Luke 2:1-7

**Angel Choir** "Once In Royal David's City"

**Narrator 1** Luke 2:8-10a

**Angel of the Lord** Luke 2:10b-12, 14

**Narrator 2** Luke 2:13

**Angel Choir** "Love Came Down"

**Narrator 2** Luke 2:15-20

**Narrator 2** Matthew 2:1-8a

**Herod** Matthew 2:8b

**Narrator 3** Matthew 2:9-12

**Narrator 3** John 1:1-5, 9, 14

**Prayer**

**Herald 2**

**Angel Choir** "Alleluia Train"

## We praise God

### What Child Is This?

Text: William C. Dix

Tune: Traditional English melody, 16th c.

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherd's watch are keeping?

#### Refrain

This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherd's guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

2. Why lies He in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. [Refrain]

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

## God instructs us in scripture reading

from Isaiah 9:2-7

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”

## God instructs us in preaching

“Light Changes Everything”

Tim Page

## We offer ourselves in gifts and song

### Silent Night

Text: Joseph Mohr 1818

Tune: Franz Gruber 1818

*First sung on Christmas Eve in 1818, tonight is the 200th anniversary of this carol.*

1. 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.
2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar; heav’nly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!
3. 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!
4. 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!

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## We praise God

### Joy to the World!

Text: Isaac Watts 1719  
Tune: G. F. Handel 1742

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

## God blesses us and sends us out

**Postlude**

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

P. Laubengayer

# Christmas Pageant Participants

<b>Directors</b>	Karen Brown, Whitney Cairns		
<b>Greeter</b>	Noelle Stith		
<b>Narrators</b>	Ava Gould	Ansley McGowan	Sam Wenger-Stickel
<b>Closing</b>	Juliana King		
<b>Mary</b>	Samantha Pollack		
<b>Joseph</b>	Dominic Page		
<b>Innkeeper</b>	Jackson Gould		
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<b>Angel of the Lord</b>	Cecilia Mazzoni		
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<b>Herod</b>	Isaiah Smith		
<b>Star Bearer</b>	Willa Johns		
<b>Wise Men</b>	Harlan McGowan Caroline Presson	Tristan Wiggins Isaac George	
<b>Prayer</b>	Morgan Gable		
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