



Christmas Eve



DECEMBER 24, 2025 • 11:00 PM

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Aria in Classic Style" Marcel Grandjany

CALL TO WORSHIP Damon Conley

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 90 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; tr. John M. Neale / Music: Plainsong Melody; arr. Charles W. Douglas / John 1:1, 14

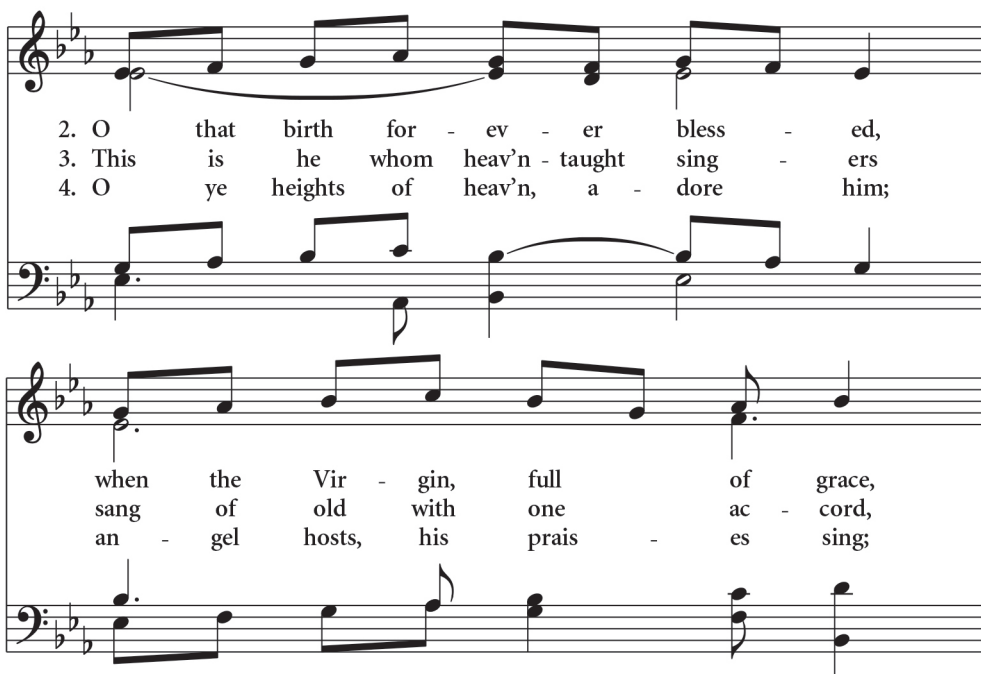
✠ *Congregation stands as directed*

The Chancel Choir:

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
 He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,
 Of the things that are, that have been,
 And that future years shall see,
 Evermore and evermore!

Call to Worship: God invites us into His presence to worship in spirit and in truth—beginning a dialogue that continues throughout the service.

Congregation:



2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed,
 3. This is he whom heav'n - taught sing - ers him;
 4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him;

when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
 sang of old with one ac - cord,
 an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;

by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets
all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him

bore the Sav - ior of our race;
prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
and ex - tol our God and King;

and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er,
now he shines, the long - ex - pect - ed;
let no tongue on earth be si - lent,

first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
let cre - a - tion praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Jauna and Calvin Ellis

✦ INVOCATION

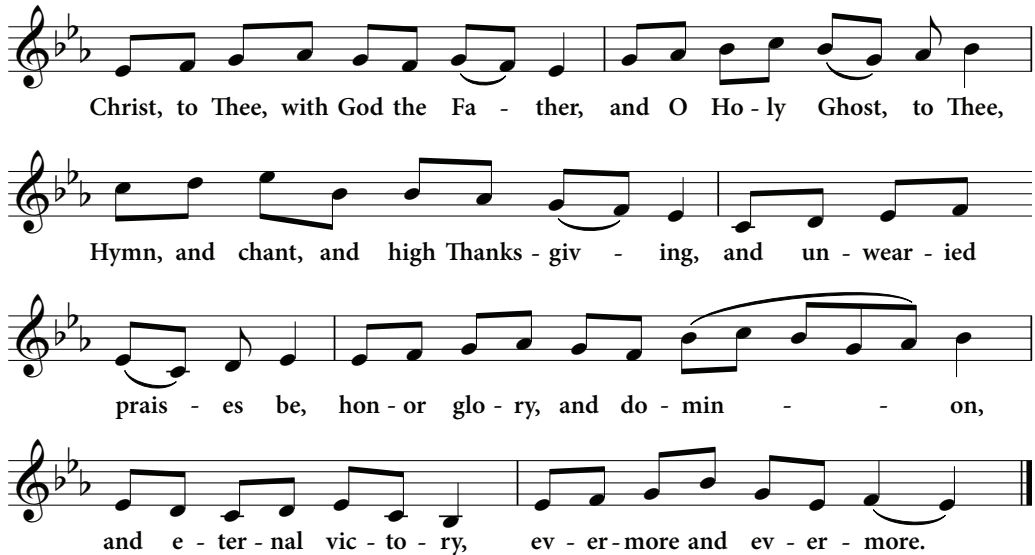
Invocation: The word invocation means "to appeal to" or "cry out to." In this prayer, we lift our hands and call on our Father to come and help us worship Him for who He is and all He has done.

✦GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-14
 (page 886 in pew Bible)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, and O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,
 Hymn, and chant, and high Thanks - giv - ing, and un - wear - ied
 prais - es be, hon - or glo - ry, and do - min - on,
 and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

CHORAL MEDITATION: "O Magnum Mysterium" Evan Ramos

Words: Latin Sacred Text / Music: Evan Ramos / Luke 2:10-12

O magnum mysterium,	<i>O great mystery,</i>
Et admirabile sacramentum.	<i>And wonderful sacrament.</i>
Ut animalia viderunt	<i>That animals should see</i>
Dominum natum	<i>The newborn Lord</i>
Jacentem in praeseptio.	<i>Lying in a manger.</i>
O magnum mysterium. Amen.	<i>O great mystery. Amen.</i>

*The Chancel Choir
 Calvin Ellis, director*

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

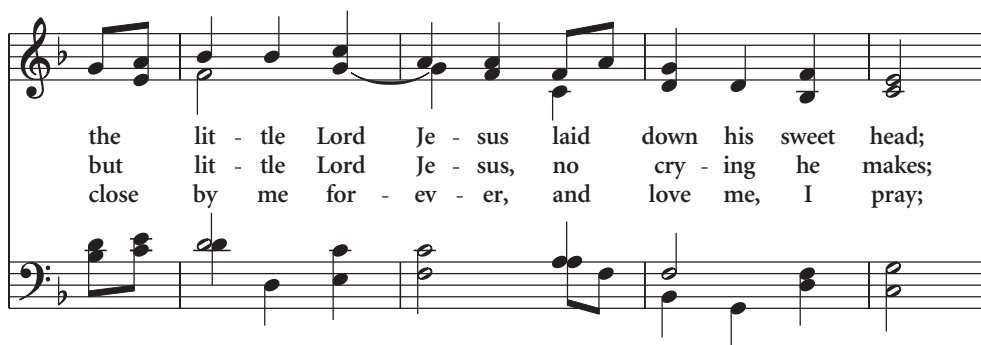
✦PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

♦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 143 "Away in a Manger" CRADLE SONG

Words: John Thomas McFarland / Music: William J. Kirkpatrick / Luke 2:7



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee 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 bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



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

GOSPEL LESSON 1 John 1:1-4
(page 1021 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

HOMILY: Complete Joy Josh Preston

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the Lord's table. All who profess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are invited to receive communion. If this is not your faith, we would still encourage you to walk forward, knowing that no one will make you take the elements. Any of our elders or pastors will be happy to talk to you about questions or doubts you have about faith in Christ.

We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church but do welcome them to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**universal*

The Nicene Creed, first formulated at the Council of Nicea (325), affirms Biblical truths about the Trinity and the person of Jesus. We use it in worship to profess what we believe about our triune God and His church.

✠ GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

Words: Anon., 4th cent. / Music: Henry W. Greatorex / Psalm 29:2

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Father,
who sent Your one and only Son to bear the sin of the world
and to bring life and light to sinners far and wide,
we confess our need of Your gracious and forgiving love,
for we have violated Your commandments
by our thoughts, words, and deeds,
and we are without excuse.
On this holy night, we cast our sins upon Jesus
and pray that You would heal us of our guilt and shame
and of our wandering hearts,
that we may serve You with glad obedience,
to the everlasting glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Matthew 1:21

*She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus,
 for he will save his people from their sins.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Choral Meditation: “E’en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come” Paul Manz

Words and Music: Paul Manz / Revelation 22

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come: Sing holy, holy, Lord:

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!

E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

No. 147 “The First Noel”THE FIRST NOEL

Words: William C. Dix / Music: Trad. English Melody, 16th cent. / Luke 2:8

1. The first No - el, the an - gels did say, was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing
3. And by the light of that same star three
4. Then en - tered in those wise men three, full
5. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing

cer - tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in the east, be - yond them far, and to the
wise men came from coun - try far; to seek for a
rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, and of - fered
prais - es to our heav - en - ly Lord; who hath made

they lay keep-ing their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that
 earth it gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both
 king was their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher -
 there, in his pres - ence, their gold and myrrh and
 heav'n and earth of naught, and with his blood hu - man -

was so deep.
 day and night.
 ev - er it went. No - el, no - el, no - el, no -
 frank - in - cense.
 kind hath bought.

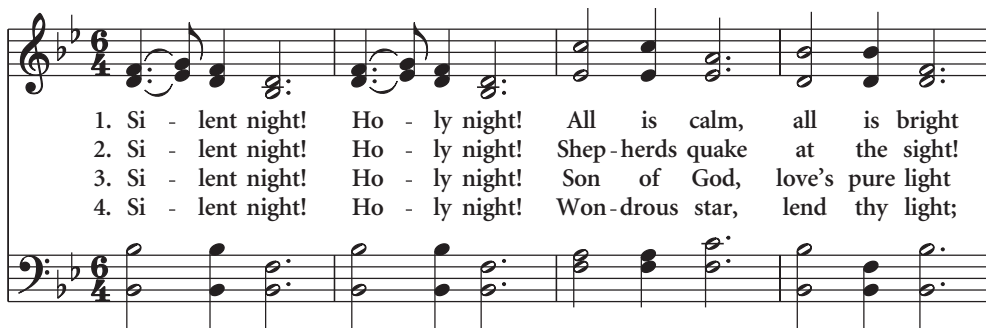
el, born is the King of Is - ra - el!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

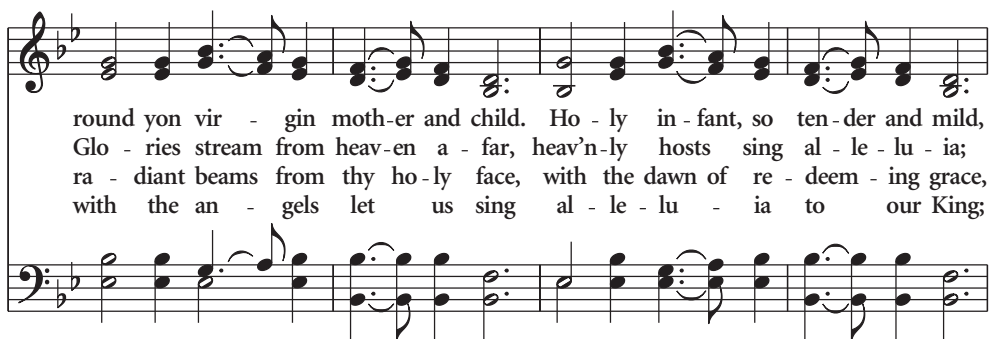
LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH

HYMN OF CHRIST'S BIRTH: No. 162 "Silent Night! Holy Night!" STILLE NACHT

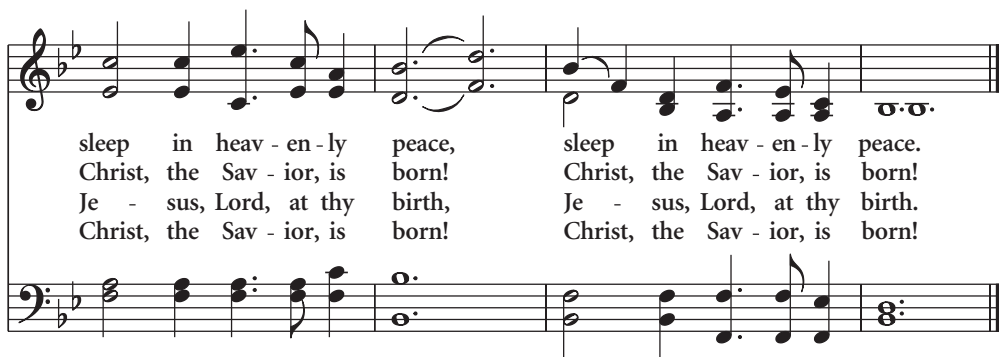
Words: Joseph Mohr / Music: Franz Gruber / Luke 2:16



1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight!
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
 4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;



round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 with the an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ia to our King;



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

♠HYMN OF JOY: No. 128 "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" ANTIOCH

Words: Isaac Watts / Music: G.F. Handel; arr. Jerry Westenkuehler / Psalm 98:4

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the
ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
na - tions prove the glo - ries of His right - eous -
room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
- ness and won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His
sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
love, and won - ders won - ders of His love.

Benediction: God's people receive the Lord's blessing and are sent into the world, carrying the hope of the Gospel.

♠BENEDICTION

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Gloria in excelsis Deo.
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POSTLUDE: "Hallelujah Chorus" G.F. Handel

♠Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalists:
Claire Learned, harp; James Ryan, violin;
Leo Davis, organ

December 28 Worship Schedule

We'll meet for worship on Sunday, December 28, at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. All are invited to the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for coffee and fellowship between the services. We will not meet for Sunday School or Sunday Night Worship. Nursery will be available for ages 5 and under at the 8:15am service.

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