

Christmas Eve

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2024

7 P.M.

PRELUDE

What Child Is This?

Pastorale

On Christmas Night

Adult Bell Choir

Rebekah Hillman and Helen Ro

Junior Choir

WELCOME

Dr. John Muhlfeld

PRAYER

Mr. Juan Estevez

LESSON 1 The Promised Deliverer

Genesis 3:1–15

11th and 12th Graders

*Hymn 194

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LESSON 2 The Promised Child

Isaiah 9:1–7

Bob and Jane Reagan

O Holy Night

Laura H., Heidi M., Jasmine M., Lydia M.

LESSON 3 The Promised Branch

Isaiah 11:1–9

The Riggall Family

Emmanuel, to Thee We Sing

Adult Choir

LESSON 4 The Promised Birth

Luke 2:1–20

5th–7th Graders

*Hymn 201

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LESSON 5 The Promised King

Matthew 2:1–12

We Three Kings

8th and 9th Graders

Covenant Children

LESSON 6 The Promise Yet to Come

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

The Moyer Family

On Christmas Night (Sussex Carol)

River E., Laura H., Jasmine M.

*Hymn 203

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Dr. John Muhlfeld

Hymn 210

Silent Night! Holy Night!

(congregation to please remain seated)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

**Please stand if able*

Organist, Adult Choir, and Music Director: Helen Ro

Adult Bell Choir Director: Holly Rorex

Jr. Choir and Covenant Children Coordinator: Sharon Muhlfeld

We Three Kings soloists:

v. 2 Adelyn Benoit and Jane Keating

v. 3 Skylar Buhay, Sunshine English, Trinity English, Emry Evans

v. 4 Mia Cattich, Elisabeth Medendorp

Kindly silence all electronic devices

Please see an usher if you would like to utilize an assisted listening device

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,"
declares the LORD. Is. 59:20

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
• ty - ran - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

REFRAIN
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
• in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
and close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Latin antiphona, 12th cent.
Latin hymn, 1710.
Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1961

VENI EMMANUEL L.M.ref.
Plain song, 13th cent.
Arr. by Thomas Helmore, 1856

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small ... out of you will come for me one who
will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Mic. 5:2

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by:
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

Philips Brooks, 1868

ST. LOUIS C.M.D. irag.
Lewis H. Redner, 1968

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Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

A great company of the heavenly host [was] praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13, 14

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

HIS BIRTH

REFRAIN
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753; alt.

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7.D.ref.
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840
Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1859

Silent Night! Holy Night!

They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. Luke 2:16

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

vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
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!

Joseph Mohr, 1818
Tr. ca. 1850

STILLE NACHT Imng.
Franz Gruber, 1818

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Welcome to everyone worshipping with us tonight, especially our visitors. We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you through our fellowship together.

If you would like more information about Covenant, would like to request prayer, or we may be of service to you in any way, please speak to a pastor after the service, contact our church office, or visit us at www.covpreschurch.org.



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