

Riverside Baptist Church
Christmas Eve – December 24, 2025

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Sing to the Holy One, a new song. Sing praises to the Creator, Maker, and Sustainer of all things seen and unseen.

Many: From the depth of deep hope, a great light shines. We shine the light of hope.

One: For a child has been born named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Many: From the depth of deep peace, a great light shines. We shine the light of peace.

One: Honor and majesty are before the Glorious God; strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

Many: From the depth of deep joy, a great light shines. We shine the light of joy.

One: For great is the Righteous and Just God. Declare the marvelous works and wondrous ways of God with Us!

Many: From the depth of deep love, a great light shines. We shine the light of love. We shine the light of Christ! Glory to God!

Congregational Carols: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*

Passing of Peace and Lighting of Votives

Congregational Carol: *The First Noel*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Musical Selection

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Pastoral Reflection

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Lighting of Candles

Congregational Carol: *Silent Night*

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; 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.

Silent night, holy night; Wondrous star, lend the light; with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born

Benediction



Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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 hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. **Refrain**

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth; Born to
give us second birth. **Refrain**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay
keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

Our one law is love of God and love of neighbor. Justice matters. Christ is the center.



All identities are celebrated.
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