

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



Welcome

Thank you for joining us tonight to celebrate our Savior's birth! We would love to serve you and your family's spiritual needs throughout the year. Our regular schedule is as follows:

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • **Sunday Worship Service:** 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer (Both on-line & in Zinn Commons): 7:00 p.m.

Our services are livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Go to our church website at <https://christcomm.online.church/> to watch the service. You can also participate in worship by following the Sunday bulletin, which can be accessed here: <https://christcomm.church/bulletins-and-flyers/>.

SERVING TONIGHT

Lector:	Rev. Dr. Kirby Keller	Advent Wreath Acolyte:	Stacey Marks
Responder:	Pat Strain	Gospel Reading Acolytes:	Micah & Bethany White
Organist:	Pat Shroff	Narthex Greeters:	Dave & Kaye Focht
Flutist:	Shirley Long	Special Music:	Ginny & Dawn Sharp
Flutist:	Bethany White	Sound Technician:	Bob Long
Trumpeter:	Sonya Valentino	Livestream Technician:	Andrew Valentino
Violin:	Becky Sorg	Lead Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Hymn Leader:	Maureen Logan		

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Organ Recital (6:45 P.M.)	1. O come, All Ye Faithful – Wade / Innes 2. In the Bleak Midwinter – Holst / L. Smith 3. He Shall Feed His Flock (from <i>Messiah</i>) – Handel / Whitworth 4. Away in a Manger / Pastoral Symphony (from <i>Messiah</i>) – Arr. Whitworth 5. Holy Night Medley – Arr. Caudill	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship		Rev. Timothy Valentino
Responsive Reading	God With Us	Congregation/Pat Strain
*Hymn	91: O Come, All Ye Faithful	Congregation
Lighting of the Christ Candle		Stacey Marks
*Hymn	97: Hark! The Herald Angels	Congregation
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20	Rev. Kirby Keller
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Timothy Valentino
Vocal Duet	Tau Dabayangen	Ginny Sharp and Dawn Sharp
*Hymn	93: Angels We Have Heard on High	Congregation
*Hymn	148: O Holy Night	Congregation
Scripture Reading	Luke 15:11-20a	Rev. Timothy Valentino
Sermon	I'll Be Home for Christmas	Rev. Timothy Valentino
Hymn	113: Silent Night, Holy Night	Congregation
Lighting of the Christmas Candles		Rev. Timothy & Sonya Valentino
Worship Song	King of Kings	Congregation
*Responsive Reading	Christmas Declaration	Congregation/Pat Strain
*Hymn	92: Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come	Congregation
*Benediction		Rev. Timothy Valentino
Organ Postlude	Joyful Tidings – James Moffatt	Pat Shroff

* Those who are able may stand.

- **Thank you for silencing your cell phone in the sanctuary.**
- **In order that wax does not drip and burn you, please keep your lit candle vertical as the unlit candle is tilted in to receive your flame.**
- **Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuary. You may take yours home after tonight's service.**
- **Merry Christmas to you and your family!**

Responsive Reading: **God with Us**

Behold, a virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,

And they will call him Immanuel—which means, “God with us.”

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

**We have seen his glory, as of the only begotten,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout!
Do not be afraid!

Say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!”

Matthew 1:23; John 1:14; Isaiah 40:9

Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 9:2-7**

²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep
darkness a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian’s defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

⁵Every warrior’s boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will
be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the greatness of his
government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David’s throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding
it with justice and
righteousness from that
time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

Scripture Reading: **Luke 2:1-20**

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

91 O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. God of God, and Light of Light be - got - ten,
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
 Lo, He ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 O sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;
 Ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain
 O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord. A-men.

WORDS: Latin hymn; attr. John F. Wade, 1751; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others
 MUSIC: John F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

ADESTE FIDELES
 Irregular meter

97 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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.

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

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
 MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. William H. Cummings, 1856

MEDELSSOHN
 7.7.7.7 D. Ref.

148 O Holy Night!

Introduction (use arpeggiated chords in a triplet feeling throughout)

1. O ho - ly night! the stars are bright-ly
 2. Led by the light of faith se - rene - ly
 3. Tru - ly He taught us to love one an -

shin - ing, It is the night of the dear Sav - ior's birth; Long lay the
 beam - ing, With glow - ing hearts by His cra - dle we stand; So led by
 oth - er; His law is love and His gos - pel is peace; Chains shall He

world in sin and er - ror pin - ing, Till He ap - peared and the soul felt its
 light of a star sweet - ly gleam - ing, Here came the wise men from O - ri - ent
 break, for the slave is our broth - er, And in His name all op - pres - sion shall

worth. A thrill of hope the wea - ry world re - joic - es, For yon - der breaks a
 land. The King of kings lay thus in low - ly man - ger, In all our tri - als
 cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grate - ful chor - us raise we, Let all with - in us

new and glo - rious morn; Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the an - gel
 born to be our Friend; He knows our need, To our weak - ness is no
 praise His ho - ly name; Christ is the Lord, Oh, praise His name for -

use accompaniment figure from 1st 2 bars

voic - es! O night di - vine, O night when Christ was born!
 strang - er. Be - hold your King, be - fore Him low - ly bend!
 ev - er! His pow'r and glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim!

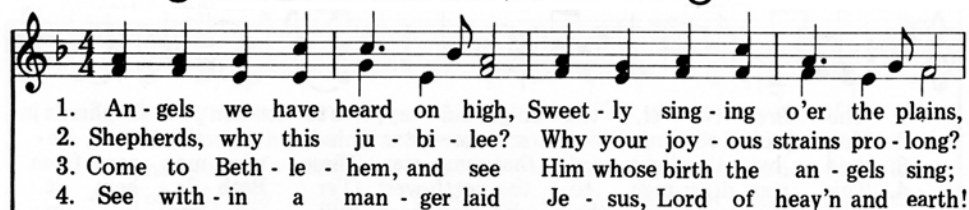
O night, O ho - ly night, O night di - vine!
 Be - hold your King, be - fore Him low - ly bend!
 His pow'r and glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim.

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TEXT: John S. Dwight
 MUSIC: Adolphe Adam

CANTIQUE DE NOËL
 11.10.11.10.11.10.11.10.10.

93 Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shepherds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of heav'n and earth!



And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 Say what may the ti - dings be, Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, With us sing our Sav - ior's birth.

Refrain



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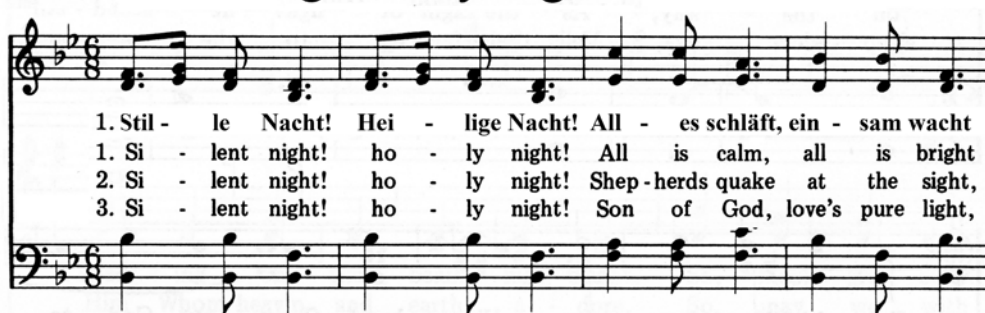


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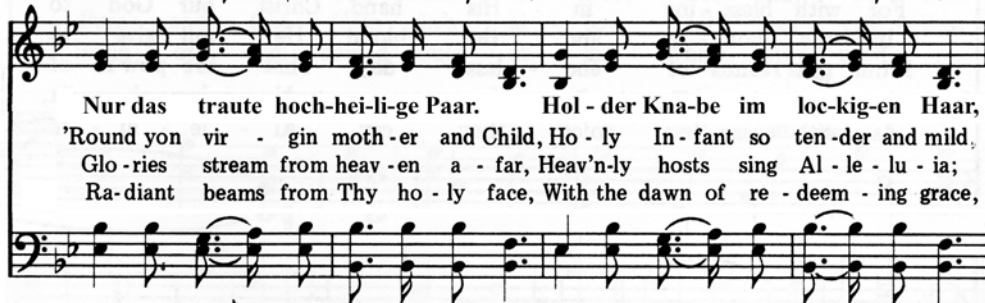
WORDS: Traditional French carol
 MUSIC: Traditional French melody

GLORIA
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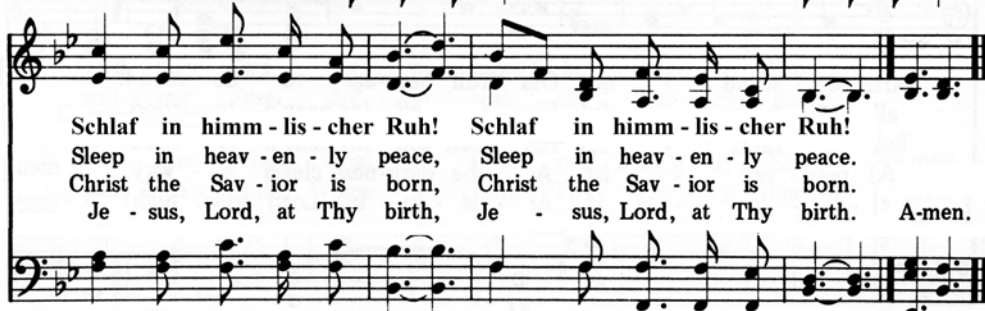
113 Silent Night! Holy Night!



1. Stil - le Nacht! Hei - lige Nacht! All - es schläft, ein - sam wacht
 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,



Nur das traute hoch-hei-li-ge Paar. Hol - der Kna-be im loc-kig-en Haar,
 '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,



Schlaf in himm - lis - cher Ruh! Schlaf in himm - lis - cher Ruh!
 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. A-men.

WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John F. Young, 1863
 MUSIC: Franz Grüber, 1818

STILLE NACHT
 Irregular meter

Scripture Reading: **Luke 15:11-20a**

¹¹ Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

King Of Kings Words and Music by Scott Ligertwood, Brooke Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram.

In the darkness
We were waiting
Without hope
Without light
Till from heaven
You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word

From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

[CHORUS]

**Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings
Praise forever to the King of Kings**

Responsive Reading: **Christmas Declaration**

Jesus Christ appeared in a body.

He was vindicated by the Spirit.

He was seen by angels.

He was preached among the nations.

He was believed on in the world.

He was taken up in glory.

So the kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

And He shall reign forever and ever.

King of kings and Lord of lords! Hallelujah!

1 Timothy 3:16; Revelation 11:15

92 Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re-ceive her King; Let ev-ery heart pre-pare Him room,
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav-ior reigns; Let men their songs em-ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, Nor thorns in-fest the ground; He comes to make His bless-ings flow
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na-tions prove The glo-ries of His right-eous-ness,

And heav'n and na-ture sing, And heav'n and na-ture
 Re-peat the sound-ing joy, Re-peat the sound-ing
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 And won-ders of His love, And won-ders of His

1. And heav'n and na-ture sing,
 sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing.
 joy, Re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won-ders, won-ders of His love.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719; based on Psalm 98
 MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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