

Can You See the Light in Bethlehem? Graham/Angerman

Follow, follow; rise up, shepherd and follow. Follow the star of Bethlehem.

Can you see the light at the coming of dawn? I see a star is rising over Bethlehem.

Oh can you see the light now that shadows are gone? I see a star is rising over Bethlehem.

Can you see the light that dances on high like a silver flame, a sign of hope in the sky;

like a candle burning in the dark of night? A star is rising over Bethlehem.

Oh can you see the light of the candle of peace? A star is rising over Bethlehem.

Oh can you see the glory of the star in the east? A star is rising over Bethlehem.

Refrain

There's a star in the sky shining bright as day. Rise up, shepherd and follow.

It will lead to the place where the Savior lay. Rise up, shepherd and follow.

In the Bleak Midwinter H. Darke

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan. Earth stood hard as iron,

water like a stone. Snow had fallen snow on snow. In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain, heaven and earth shall

flee away, when He comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed

the Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ. Enough for Him, who cherubim, worship

night and day, a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay. Enough for Him,

whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel, which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wiseman, I would do my part, yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

CAROL *In the Bleak Midwinter*

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All Praise to Thee E. Hagenberg

Voices in Accord

All praise to Thee, eternal God, who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood, dost take

a wager for Thy throne, while worlds on worlds are Thine alone. Alleluia.

Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light, to make us in

the realms divine, like Thine own angels, round Thee shine. Alleluia.

A little Child, Thou art our Guest that weary ones in Thee may rest;

Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth that we may rise to heaven from earth. Alleluia.

Amen.

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come arr. W. Pelz

Heather Hinton

WELCOME Ronnie Bell

*CALL TO WORSHIP Darren Cushman Wood

Leader: Sing to God a new song! Sing to God, all the earth!

People: Share the news of God's saving work this night!

Leader: The Lord is coming to establish justice on the earth!

People: The Lord will establish justice among all peoples!

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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;

Refrain: *O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,*

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,

lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created; Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest; Refrain

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Schilling Family

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God.

You have increased our joy

by sending us the Wonderful Counselor,

the Prince of Peace.

Born of Mary,

proclaimed to the shepherds

and acknowledged to the ends of the earth,

your Son destroys our darkness and sets us free.

**People: Glory to you, O God,
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
in the radiance of your Spirit,
this night and forever more. Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

See how the shepherd, summoned to his cradle,

leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Darren Cushman Wood

God of light,

by the gift of your Spirit,

guide us, like Joseph,

to trust your words and obey your command.

Teach us, like Mary, to treasure your words

and yield our lives to your will;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

The prophet announces the birth of a ruler to a people in darkness.

ANTHEM *For Unto Us a Child is Born* G.F. Handel

from *Messiah*

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government

shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful!

Counsellor! the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father! the Prince of Peace.

SECOND LESSON Luke 1: 26-38 Jill Lyday

The angel announces to Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son.

ANTHEM *Ave Maria* K. Memley

Voices in Accord

Ave Maria, gratia plena Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus.

Hail Mary, full of grace, God is with you. Blessed are you among women.

Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis peccatoribus nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Holy Mary, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 7:10-14 Harry Hensel

The prophet declares the birth of the child as the sign of hope.

CAROL *What Child is This*

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: ***This, this is Christ the King,***

whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe the son of Mary.

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

FOURTH LESSON Matthew 1:18-25 Ronald Cushenberry

The annunciation to Joseph

ANTHEM *As Joseph was A-walking* arr. J. Fankhauser

As Joseph was a walking, he heard an angel sing.

This night there shall be born our gracious heavenly King.

He neither shall be born in house nor in hall,

nor in the place of Paradise, but in an oxen stall.

He neither shall be clothed in purple nor in pall;

but all in fair white linen as wear sweet babies all.

He neither shall be bedded in silver nor in gold,

but in a wooden cradle that rocks out in the cold.

As Joseph was a walking, thus did the angel sing,

and Mary's child at midnight was born to be our King.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING Ronnie Bell

Your contribution will help to support the Bishop's Christmas Offering and

North Church's Bread & Bowl and the Farmers' Market ministries.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lux Aurumque* E. Whitacre

sung in Latin

Lux, calida gravisque pura velut aurum et canunt angeli molliter modo natum.

Light, warm and heavy as pure gold and angels sing softly to the newborn baby.

FIFTH LESSON
Isaiah 40:1-5,9
Ron Gifford
The prophet prepares the way for God's good news.

*CAROL
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 host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*
*Hail the heavenborn 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.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

SIXTH LESSON
Luke 2:1-20
Amber Denney
The shepherds and angels celebrate the good news of the Christ Child.

ANTHEM
Song of Bethlehem
M. Ijames
O hear the song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there, and hear the news that came to them from angels in the air. The angels sang of Bethlehem, of Jesus and his birth, a song of joy and praise to God, of peace upon the earth. Alleluia, the angels sang. Alleluia, of peace upon the earth.
O hear the song of Galilee where Jesus lived and grew, then healed the sick and raised the dead to give them life anew; where at his word the wind and seas obeyed the Master's will, when Jesus calmed the angry waves, and whispered "Peace, be still."
O sing the song of Calvary, the Lamb, the cross, the grave, and sing of how the risen Lamb is mighty now to save. Alleluia, the angels sang. Alleluia, he is mighty now to save! This babe was born to save.

MEDITATION
Incarnated Sounds
Darren Cushman Wood

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
The acolytes will share the light of Christ with you. Please tip individual candles to the lighted candle brought to you, then hold your candle upright as you pass the light to the person next to you.

CAROL
Silent Night, Holy Night
(Please remain seated for Silent Night. The Choir will sing the first verse. The congregation and choir will sing the remaining verses.)

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, shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

*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!*

*PROCLAMATION OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
Ronnie Bell
Leader: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Leader: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

People: From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

*CAROL
Joy to the World
*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*


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.

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING
Darren Cushman Wood

POSTLUDE
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
arr. D. Lasky
Heather Hinton
Please extinguish your candle before leaving your seat and place in a basket by the exits.

The offering tonight is dedicated to supporting:

- Farmers' Market – has served the community for 16 years; features local produce and vendors
- Bread & Bowl – has served the community for over 25 years and feeds people every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
- Bishop's Offering - funds ministries that support at-risk children in Indiana and around the world: church camp scholarships, Indiana's three United Methodist-related children and youth homes and advances special projects for children around the world

Scan the QR code with your smart phone to make an online donation for today's special offering. Choose "2016 Christmas Giving" under "Payment To."

You may also place your donation in the offering plate during the Offertory.

Sunday, December 25 at 11:00 a.m.
1st Sunday after Christmas
Ronnie Bell, preaching

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Christmas Eve, December 24, 2016
10:30 p.m.

PRELUDE (10:30 p.m.)
Gloria
M. Hayes
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Glory to God in the highest!
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
And on earth peace to all those of good will.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We worship Thee. We glorify Thee!

Bethlehem
R. Schulz-Widmar

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

CAROL
O Little Town of Bethlehem
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*Please stand as you are able.