

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. J. Rutter

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind, with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior, when half spent was the night.

*Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella* arr. J. Rutter

Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella! Bring a torch, to the cradle run! It is Jesus, good folk of the village, Christ is born and Mary's calling, Ah! beautiful is the Mother! Ah! beautiful is her Son.

It is wrong when the Child is sleeping, it is wrong to talk so loud. Silence, all, as you gather around, lest your noise should waken Jesus: Hush! see how fast he slumbers; Hush! see how fast he sleeps!

Softly to the little stable, softly for a moment come! Look and see how charming is Jesus, how he is soft, his cheeks are rosy! Hush! See how the Child is sleeping; Hush! see how he smiles in dreams!

*O Shepherds, Go Quickly* E. Fissinger

Voices in Accord

O shepherds go quickly, go. O shepherds, go fast through the night. Go quickly where starlight shines bright. The Christchild to greet with songs of great joy, to Bethlehem to praise Him, the Babe in the stall. Go quickly!

O laufet ihr Hirten, lauft alle zu gleich, und nehmen Schalmeinen und Pfeifen mit euch! Lauft alle zu mal mit freudigem Schall. Nach Bethlehem zum Kripplein in Stall!

*On This Day Earth Shall Ring* arr. R. Brunner

Heather Hinton

WELCOME Darren Cushman Wood

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

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 Guibe Family

Congregational Refrain:



Leader: For anyone who has walked in darkness,  
a new light has dawned!

**People: O come, let us adore him!**

Leader: For anyone who has ever felt forgotten,  
a new light has dawned!

**People: O come, let us adore him!**

Leader: For anyone whose patience has been put to the test,  
a new light has dawned!

**People: O come, let us adore him!**

Leader: For anyone in search of the way, the truth, and the life,  
a new day has dawned!

**People: O come, let us adore him!**

Repeat Congregational Refrain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ronnie Bell

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7  
*The prophet announces the birth of a ruler to a people in darkness.*

\*CAROL *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*  
*It came upon a 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 all, from heaven's all gracious King."*  
*The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

*For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,*  
*when with the evercircling 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.*

SECOND LESSON Luke 1: 26-38  
*The angel announces to Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son.*

ANTHEM *A Hymn to the Virgin* B. Britten  
Of one that is so fair and bright *velut maris stella [like a star of the sea]*  
Brighter than the day is light, *parens et puella: [both parent and yet a girl]*  
I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me, *tam pia [so loving]*  
That I may come to thee. *Maria! [Mary!]*  
All this world was forlorn *Eva peccatrice, [due to Eve's sin]*  
Till our Lord was yborn *de te genetrice. [you became the mother].*  
With ave it went away darkest night, and comes the day *Salutaris; [of salvation];*  
The well springeth out of thee. *Virtutis. [by virtue.]*  
Lady, flower of everything, *Rosa sine spina, [Rose without a thorn],*  
Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King, *Gratia divina: [by grace divine]:*  
Of all thou bearest the prize, Lady, queen of paradise *Electa: [chosen by God]:*  
Maid, mild, mother es Effecta. *Effecta. [you were made].*

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 7:10-14  
*The prophet declares the birth of the child as the sign of hope.*

\*CAROL *People Look East*  
*People look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest is on the way.*

*Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

FOURTH LESSON Matthew 1:18-25  
*The annunciation to Joseph*

\*CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
*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.*

*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!*

CHRISTMAS OFFERING Ronnie Bell  
*Your contribution will help to support the Bishop's Christmas Offering,*  
*North Church's Bread & Bowl, and North Church's Farmers' Market.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O Come, All Ye Faithful* T. Trenney  
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye to Bethlehem:  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels. O come, let us adore him.

Child for us sinners poor, and in the manger, we would embrace thee,  
with love and awe; who would not love thee? Loving us so dearly.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.  
Glory to God! Glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Come.

FIFTH LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-5,9

*The prophet prepares the way for God's good news.*

ANTHEM

*Hope for Resolution*

arr. Caldwell/Ivory  
Kathy Schilling, violin

Of the Father's love begotten, e'er 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.

Oh, that birth, forever blessed, when the virgin full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Savior of our race. And the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n adore him, angel hosts his praises sing, pow'rs, dominions bow before him, and extol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring evermore and evermore.

Thula sizwe, ungabokhala, uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.  
*Nation, do not cry, Jehovah will protect us.*  
Inkululeko, sizoyithola, uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.  
*We will attain freedom, Jehovah will protect us.*

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

*The shepherds and angels celebrate the good news of the Christ Child.*

ANTHEM

*Go Tell It!*

arr. J. Rouse

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light!

MEDITATION

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 Darren Cushman Wood

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

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

arr. D. Willcocks  
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 over 15 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

**Sunday, December 31, 2017  
11:00 a.m.**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
Covenant Service  
*Darren Cushman Wood, preaching*

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# Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017

## 10:30 p.m.

PRELUDE (10:30 p.m.) *Festival Gloria* C. Courtney

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus, bonae voluntatis.*  
Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all those of good will.  
*Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.*  
We praise you. We bless you. We worship you. We glorify you.

*Christmas Comes Anew* P. Kern

Christmas comes anew, Noel we sing! As we humbly honor Christ the newborn King.  
Sing Noel, for Christ, the newborn King, Noel!  
Willie, take your little drum, Robin, get your flute and come; on these instruments we'll play Turelurelu, patapatapan; on these instruments we'll play for a joyful Christmas Day.  
When the men of olden days gave the King of Kings their praise, they had pipes on which to play, Turelurelu, patapatapan; they had drums on which to play for a joyful Christmas Day.  
God and man this day become joined as one with flute and drum. Let our happy music play, Turelurelu, patapatapan; flute and drum together play for a joyful Christmas Day!

*A Cradle for the Lamb* P. Rodriguez

Just a poor humble shepherd boy, no great wealth did I enjoy; but the angels came to me saying: "Go to Bethlehem. There you'll find the one you've waited for, your Messiah, Christ the Lord. You will find Him in a manger bed, in a cradle for a Lamb." Now I've seen the newborn King; light and peace to all He'll bring; but what could be more humbling than a cradle for a Lamb? God in love, has found a way; a perfect, holy Lamb will pay for my sins; He'll sacrifice His precious, only Son.

*'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* arr. J. Rutter

'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled, that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead; before their light the stars grew dim, and wondering hunters heard the hymn: Jesus your King is born, in excelsis gloria!  
Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found, a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round; but as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high: Jesus your King is born, in excelsis gloria!  
O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou, the holy child of earth and heaven is born today for you. Come, kneel before the radiant boy, who brings you beauty, peace, and joy: Jesus your King is born, in excelsis gloria!

*How Great Our Joy* arr. J. Rutter

While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright. How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!  
There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a child today. How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!  
There shall the Child lie in a stall, this Child who shall redeem us all. How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!  
This gift of God we'll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill. How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!