

PRELUDE Indianapolis Saxophone Quartet

*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!

WELCOME Darren Cushman Wood

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Amy Sell

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name; proclaim God's salvation from day to day!**

Leader: Declare the Lord's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples!

**People: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

\*OPENING CAROL #234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* v. 1-4

\*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Chen Family

Congregational Refrain:

Lift up your eyes and see the light sur - round you;  
with ra - dant hope, il - lu - mi - nate the night.  
Lift up your voice and sing, let earth and heav - en ring,  
lift up your eyes and see the ev - er - last - ing light.

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

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Amy Sell

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 Pew Bible, OT, pg. 600  
Kathleen Custer

CAROL #218 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

SECOND LESSON Titus 2:11-14 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 202  
Eric Galloway

ANTHEM *Hope for Resolution* arr. Caldwell/Ivory

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, powers, 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.*

\*THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 54

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION Darren Cushman Wood

\*CAROL #240 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE Ronnie Bell

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON #890

\*PASSING THE PEACE

CHRISTMAS OFFERING  
*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 *Away in a Manger* arr. E. Leidzen/S. Bulla  
*Away in a Manger* arr. E. Hogan  
Indianapolis Saxophone Quartet

\*DOXOLOGY  
*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;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Darren Cushman Wood

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

....And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly choir we join in the unending hymn of praise:

(Tune: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*)

*Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lörd, God of pow'r and might a-dor'd.  
Heav'n and eärth shine this night with the glo-ry of your light.  
Loud Ho-san-nas now we sing, in the high-est may they ring.  
Blest is your A-noin-ted One, Christ, E-mman-u-el, your Son.  
Sing Ho-san-na at his birth! Glo-ry on high, and peace on earth!*

....Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me:

(Tune: *Once in Royal David's City*)  
*Dy-ing Christ deströyed öur dëath.  
Ri-sing Christ restöres öur life.  
Christ will come agäin in glo-ry,  
bring-ing us the gift of new life.  
Christ has died, and Christ is ris-en,  
com-ing still, he ö-pëns heaven.*

....Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be given to you, Almighty Father, throughout all ages:

(Tune: *Silent Night*)  
*Ä-men. Grä-cious Lord,  
Source of Life, Li-ving Word,  
Mo-ther-Fä-ther, änd the Son,  
and the Spi-rit, thrëe in one:  
praise and glo-ry be yöurs,  
now and for-ev-er. Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this Church. Please come forward by the aisle on your right and return by the aisle on your left. You may receive the elements at one of the stations, where you may dip the bread into the cup. You may remain in prayer at the prayer rail. If you are unable to come forward and wish to be served in the pew, please indicate your desire to an usher.

COMMUNION ANTHEM 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.

COMMUNION CAROLS

Please join in singing the following carols until all persons have been served.

- #219 What Child Is This v. 1-2
#249 There's a Song in the Air v. 1-2
#216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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 a-far, heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia! 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, Al-le-lu-ia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

\*PROCLAMATION OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

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 #246 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

Please extinguish your candle before leaving your seat and place in a basket by the exits.

POSTLUDE Hark! the Herald Angels Sing arr. D. Willcocks Heather Hinton

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 and 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

Indianapolis Saxophone Quartet:

Nick & Cheri Brightman, Kathy Spangler & Jacob Bullock

Sunday, December 31, 2017 11:00 a.m. 1st Sunday after Christmas Covenant Service Darren Cushman Wood, preaching

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Christmas Eve Celebration of Carols, Holy Communion and Candlelighting December 24, 2017 7:30 p.m.

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