

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

***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;*

*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 Hamilton/Hensel Family

Leader: During Advent, we stood in awe of God's saving grace.

All: O come, let us adore him.

Leader: During Advent, we recalled the promise of God's spoken word.

All: O come, let us adore him.

Leader: During Advent, we waited for the time of God's glorious arrival.

All: O come, let us adore him.

Leader: Tonight our waiting is over, our eyes are open,
and the gift is given.

All: O come, let us adore him.

Congregational Response *The Wonder of Christmas* arr. J. Raney

There is won - der in the hope of the birth of a
King, there is won - der in the sound of the an - gels as they
sing. O — come, O come, Em - man - u -
el and join us here.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

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

ANTHEM *Long-Expected Dawn* K. Marroli

When our hearts are troubled and in need of light,
and the darkness deepens'midst the thickening night,
we await your coming as our souls press on toward a long-expected dawn.
When our hearts are broken and in need of balm, you send your promise,
your hope and calm. We await your presence as we travel on
toward a long-expected dawn.
O Light of Hope! Break forth! Appear and shatter all the darkness here!
O let your advent herald clear an end to sorrow and to fear! You come from heaven to
make straight the way, birthing hope from sorrow, changing night to day.
Lord, walk among us as we journey on toward a long-expected dawn.

SECOND LESSON Luke 1:26

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

***CAROL** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

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

THIRD LESSON Matthew 1:18-25

The annunciation to Joseph

ANTHEM *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* arr. N. Harmon

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 all, from heaven's all-gracious king." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats over all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever over its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
And you 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 prophets 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 all the world send back the song which now the angels, hear the angels, now the angels sing.

FOURTH LESSON Luke 1:46-56

Mary sings God's praises for being chosen to bear the Christ Child.

***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?*

*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 Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.*

*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

*Your contribution will help to support Member Assistance,
North Church's Bread & Bowl, and North Church's Farmers Market.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Silent Night* arr. D. Forrest

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

The birth of the Christ Child.

ANTHEM *A Christmas Lullaby* M. Forman

Amy Cuomo, soloist

Hush, my dear one, sleep serenely now, my lovely slumber deep, mother rocks you, humming lowly close your eyes now, go to sleep. Angels hover, ever nearer, looking on your smiling face. I will hold you, close enfold you, close your eyes now, go to sleep. Lullaby.
May you slumber e'er so softly, dream of visions wondrous fair, I will hold you, close enfold you, close your eyes and go to sleep. Lovely darling, I will guard you, keep you from all woe and harm. Softly, gently I will rock you, resting sweetly on my arm, close your eyes now, go to sleep, lullaby. Mary rocks you, humming lowly, Son of God, go to sleep, lullaby.

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:8-20

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

ANTHEM *Gloriacappella* P. Choplin

Voices in Accord

Glory, gloria! While shepherds were living out in the field and keeping watch o'er their flocks by night, the angel appeared surrounded by glory, and they were so afraid. Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy. Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, Christ the Lord.
The angel said, "This shall be a sign unto you. You'll find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. There in a manger, the Child will be, a Savior, Christ the Lord." Suddenly there was with the angel a host from heaven praising God. Glory be to God in the highest, peace on the earth, goodwill to all.
Glory, gloria! When angels left them and went into heaven, the shepherds went over to Bethlehem. And there in the manger, they saw the Child, a Savior, Christ the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* arr. D. Willcocks
 Heather Hinton
*Please extinguish your candle before leaving your seat
 and place it in a basket by the exits.*

- The offering tonight is dedicated to supporting:**
- Farmers Market – has served the community for over 16 years; features local produce and vendors
 - Bread and Bowl – has served the community for over 25 years and feeds people every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
 - Member Assistance – this fund helps our members who are facing financial crisis

Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019
One Service, 11 a.m.
 First Sunday after Christmas
Tiffany Williams, preaching

Christmas Eve Orchestra

<p>Violin I Phil Palermo, concertmaster Patrick Dalton-Holmes Sarah Page Kathy Schilling</p> <p>Viola Lisa Brooks Davis Brooks Beverly Scott Susan Zaharako</p> <p>Trumpet David Wolfe</p>	<p>Violin II Hua Jin Madeline Bowling Jennifer Greenlee Gozde Parlaktuna</p> <p>Cello Kurt Fowler Anne McCafferty</p> <p>Oboe Joe Cavanaugh</p> <p>Continuo Heather Hinton</p>
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Christmas Eve
December 24, 2019
10:30 p.m.

PRELUDE *Gloria* A. Vivaldi
 Cathedral Singers

*I. Gloria in excelsis Deo,
 Glory to God in the highest,
 II. Et in terra pax hominibus, bonae voluntatis.
 and on earth peace to all those of good will.
 III. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.
 We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we glorify thee.
 IV. Gratias agimus tibi.
 We give thanks to thee.
 V. Propter magnam gloriam tuam.
 For thy great glory.
 VI. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens,
 O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty,
 VII. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
 VIII. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, Rex caelestis, Domine Fili unigenite,
 qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, heavenly King, only-begotten
 Son, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
 IX. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
 Who takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
 X. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
 Who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
 XI. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
 You alone are holy, you alone are Lord, you alone are highest, Jesus Christ.
 XII. Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.
 With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Soloists:
 III. Dr. Kathleen Hacker, Joli Heavin, sopranos
 VI. Kate Roberts, soprano VIII. Laurel Goetzinger, soprano
 X. Amy Cuomo, soprano

WELCOME Darren Cushman Wood

All is Well arr. J. Graham
 Voices in Accord

Alleluia! All is well. Angels and men rejoice, for tonight,
 darkness fell into the dawn of love's light. Sing alle, sing alleluia!
 All is well. Let there be peace on earth. Christ is come.
 Go and tell that He is in the manger. Sing alle, sing alleluia!
 All is well. Lift up your voice. Lift voices and sing. Born is now Emmanuel.
 Born is our Lord and Savior. Sing alleluia! All is well.