



Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021

PRELUDE MUSIC

Clarinet Quintet

ANTHEM

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

arr. J. Rouse
Voices in Accord

WELCOME

Darren Cushman Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us dance with delight in the Lord and let our hearts be filled with rejoicing,
People: for eternal salvation has appeared on the earth. Alleluia!

*CAROL #234

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]***

***See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; [Refrain]***

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

J. Raney

Choir: Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redeemer, Savior of all, hear thy servants when they call.

Congregational Refrain:

O come, O come, Em - man - u -
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring
hope to the world, bring peace to the
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

Litany

Cahoon Family

Leader: For those who walk in darkness, a new light has dawned.

People: Christ is our light and the beacon of hope.

Leader: For those living in fear, a new light has dawned.

People: Christ is our light and the source of salvation.

Leader: For those living in despair, a new light has dawned.

People: Christ is our light and the fount of joy.

Leader: For those living in loneliness, a new light has dawned.

People: Christ is our light and the incarnation of love.

Pastor: Tonight, we light all the candles as we celebrate the birth of Christ....

Let us worship Christ, the newborn King.

Congregational Refrain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sunil Kotian

**Loving God, by the gift of your Spirit,
teach us, like Mary, to treasure your words
and ponder them in our hearts;
through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.**

LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM

When God's Time Had Ripened

A. Fedak
Cathedral Singers

When God's time had ripened, Mary's womb bore fruit, scion of the Godhead, sprung from Jesse's root:
so the True Vine branches from the lily's stem, the Rose without blemish blooms in Bethlehem.
More than mind can fathom, limit or untwine, the mysterious yoking, human and divine,
but what reason fetters faith at length unlocks, and wise hearts discover truth in paradox.
As the Bread of heaven, that we might be fed, chose a manger cradle in the House of Bread,
so has Life Eternal mingled in the womb with our mortal nature to confound the tomb.
For this swaddled infant in a humble place holds our hope of glory and our means of grace;
in the Love enfleshed here dawns the world's rebirth, promise of salvation, pledge of peace on earth.

LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

ANTHEM

Ave Maria

J. Busto
Cathedral Singers

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

LESSON

Psalms 96

Amber Denney

*CAROL #240

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born 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 new born King!"*

***Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"***

***Hail the heaven-born 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 new born King!"***

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Darren Cushman Wood

SPECIAL MUSIC

Clarinet Quintet

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Sunil Kotian

*Your contribution will support Bread & Bowl, the Farmers Market,
and the United Methodist Committee on Relief.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CAROL #249

There's a Song in the Air

***There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!***

***There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,
for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!***

***In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;
and that song from afar has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing
in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!***

***We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song
that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!***

LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM

The Work of Christmas

D. Forrest
Cathedral Singers

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone. When kings and princes are home, when shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the pris'ner, to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart. When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone. When kings and princes are home, when shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins.

LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

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.

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft; einsam wacht nur das traute hochheilige Paar.
Holde Knabe im lockigen Haar, schlaf im himmlischer Ruh.*

***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

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.***

***Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.***

***No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.***

***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.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

arr. D. Lasky

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

Coming up at North:

4-Week Study on Theology and Violence
Tuesdays Jan 11- Feb 1, 6:30-8pm
To sign-up email asell@northchurchindy.com

Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, Senior Pastor
Sunil Kotian, Pastor of Mission & Outreach
John Hague and Eric Russell, Audio Visual
Heather Hinton, Organist
Mark Gilgallon, Music Director