

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2017

Pre-Service Music

“First Noel”

Derrick Walters, Trumpet

“Breath of Heaven”

Jessie Moore, Soloist; Carol Frye, Cello

The Prelude

“O Holy Night”

Janet Conway, Organ

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Keepers of the Christ Candle – David & Libby Tucker

The Welcome

Rev. Josh Hughes

The Invocation

Rev. Hughes

*The Christmas Litany

Dr. Thomas Hinton

Leader: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

People: We have gathered here on this holy night to worship God and to celebrate His most precious gift.

Leader: And the government shall be upon His shoulder.

People: We have made preparation for tonight through our Advent Services. Now we ask God to prepare our hearts for this service.

Leader: And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

People: The earth is full of music tonight that praises His name.

Leader: Let us echo the angel chorus of glory to God in the highest.

People: Let our hearts overflow with the joy of the coming of the Prince of Peace.

*Hymn of Praise 89

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

The Children's Sermon

Becca Lawing

“Away in a Manger” – Stephanie Macchia, Flute; Carol Frye, Cello

*A Christmas Hymn Medley

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains;
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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.

Hark! the heard 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 angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down
His sweet head; The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

*The Offertory Prayer

Dr. Hinton

The Offertory Music

“Mary’s Boy Child”
Steve Austin, Bass

*The Lesson from Holy Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“This Silent Night”
Meredith Transou, French Horn

Patterson

The Christmas Eve Meditation

Rev. Hughes

“The Night Everything Changed”

The Lighting of the Candles

“Silent Night”

STILLE NACHT

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, darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angel sing, “Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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.

The Commissioning of the 2018 Keepers of the Christ Candle

*The Benediction

Rev. Hughes

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face. May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*The Congregation Singing

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room, And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and heav’n and nature sing.

Organist: Todd Wright

(*Standing)