

The Church at Worship
Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017

The Chiming of the Hour

“The Prologue”
Martin

The Welcome
Rev. Josh Hughes

The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle
“Light One Candle”
arr. Sorensen
Jessie Moore, Soprano
(The Congregation joining the Choir singing from the insert.)

The Invocation
Rev. Hughes

*The Hymn of Praise 87 “Joy to the World”
ANTIOCH

The Ministry of Prayer
Rev. Hughes

*The Offertory Hymn 89 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
ADESTE FIDELES

*The Offertory Prayer
Derrick Walters, Deacon

The Offertory Music

THE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6, and 7
“To Us a Child is Born”

The Anthem
“Longing for the Light”
Martin
Esther Wakefield, Soprano; Will Wakefield, Tenor

“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”

The Second Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9
“The Branch from Jesse”

The Anthem
“His Name Shall Be Called Peace”
Tom Macchia, Tenor
Purifoy

The Third Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a
“A Promised Ruler from Bethlehem”

The Anthem
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Stephanie Macchia, Soprano
arr. Martin

**Vs. 1 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.**

**Vs. 2 How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav’n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

Vs. 3 Choir Only

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38
“The Birth of Jesus Foretold”

The Anthem
“Mary, Did You Know”
Lowry
with “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
Derrick Walters, Bass

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7
“The Birth of Jesus”

The Anthem
“Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head”
arr. Gorton

The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:8-16
“The Shepherds and the Angels”

The Hymn 91
“Silent Night”
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The Seventh Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11
"The Visit of the Magi"

The Anthem "Children, Go Tell It on the Mountain" Martin

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

The Eighth Lesson: John 1:1-14
"The Word Became Flesh"

The Anthem "A Christmas Recessional" Martin

**"Angels We Have Heard on High"
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!**

**"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new born King!**

**"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
Hark! the herald 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."**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!**

The Anthem "A Festive Christmas Flourish" arr. Martin

Merry Christmas from the Adult Choir

Keyboards – *Todd Wright*

Violin – *Nan Freeman, Will Freeman*

Viola – *Luke Benton*

Cello – *Kim Smith*

Bass – *Phil Barrenger*

Harp – *Lelia Lattimore*

Flute – *Holly Sherrill, Julia Knight*

Clarinet – *Casey Oakes, Kaylee Abernethy*

Oboe – *Jenny Roberts*

Bassoon – *Paige West-Smith*

Horn – *Emily Honeycutt, Meredith Transou*

Trumpet – *Charles Thomas, Jim Shullstad, Jordan Martin*

Trombone – *Amy Thomas, Leah Massey*

Tuba – *Patrick Haymore*

Percussion – *Charles Smith, Chris Mayhew, Mason Pritchard*

Narrator – *Rev. Josh Hughes*

Director: *Dr. Thomas Hinton*

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