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*Grow, Play and Serve with a people with
Hearts for Children and Hands for Service.*

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

December 24, 2020

4:00 p.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Robert Edward Smith

WELCOME

CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Lindsay Kleckner, soloist

*Vs. 1 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.*

*Vs. 2 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*

*Vs. 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to
God, all glory in the highest; Refrain*

*Vs. 4 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; Refrain*

*Vs. 6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; Refrain*

OPENING PRAYER *(unison)*

O Holy God, we hear the story of shepherds and magi, of prophets and angels, and we too come to Bethlehem for a blessing. We are filled with love because you have taken upon yourself our humanity, we are filled with hope because you have offered us your Spirit, your life and your light; we are filled with faith because all that is meek and lowly and humble in us and in creation becomes holy this night. Our salvation has come into this holy time and we say together, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all." Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE Chuck, Alisha, John, Michael and Amber Potter
Reader 1: Our time to wait is over. Christmas is here. Our days of preparation are completed. What has not been done will now have to be left undone. We have witnessed to this very hour, this very night, and we hope that the world has heard the good news which we have spoken.

(Lighting the four Advent Candles)

Reader 2: Our circle of advent candles is lit; now tonight we light the central candle, reminding us that Christ is the light of the world, the center of our lives, the shining beacon of hope for all the universe. Christ is born. Praise God!

(Lighting the Christ Candle)

Response Song

*Kindle the flame of Christ, may it burn bright and true
Lighting the way we seek to God, the journey we pursue.*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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.

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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 For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

CHRISTMAS STORY

Advent of Christmas

CAROL

Away in a Manger

Jeff, Lilly, Grace Ludwig

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-11

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

Vs. 1 Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Vs. 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? *Refrain*

MESSAGE

The True Miracle

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING

All loose coins and singles in the offering plate during December will go to Kids Above All (formerly ChildServ).

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HYMN

O Holy Night

Kent Smith and Shannon Smith Epstein

SHARING THE LIGHT

CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

Vs. 1 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.

Vs. 2 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!

Vs. 3 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.

Vs. 4 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!

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

CAROL

Joy to the World

Vs. 1 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.

Vs. 2 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.

Vs. 4 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.

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

Robert Edward Smith

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