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Child



CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2016, 7:00 PM

GATHERING FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Seasonal Selections

Mrs. Fran Wilson and
Mr. Jacob Montgomery

THE WESTMINSTER CHIME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Carson Crocker, Acolyte

† PROCESSIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Willcocks

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!

God of God, Light of Light, Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten, not created:

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above;
Glory to God, in the highest,

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Refrain

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Brooklyn, Alex, Jamie, and Brad Smith

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

Mrs. Abbi Mullens

We have waited in the light of hope, peace, joy, and love for the coming of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

Let us sing to the Lord a new song, and tell of his salvation from day to day.

**We will declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the
peoples.**

The angels sing and the world is filled with peace.

For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

The good news of great joy is now fulfilled!

**All: Glory to God in the highest Heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he
favors.**

THE GREETING

Dr. Brad Smith

† CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Tyler Morgan, chorister

He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, Thro' His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heav'n above:
And He leads His children on, To the place where He is gone.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6

Mrs. Mullens

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD HAS COME

† CAROL

The First Noel

GLORIA

The first Noel the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star, Shining in the east, beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

And by the light of that same star, Three wise men came from the country far;
To seek for a King was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

This star drew nigh to the north-west; O'er Bethlehem it took it's rest,
And there it did both stop and stay, Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

Then enter'd in those wise men three, Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offer'd there in his presence Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Refrain

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heave'nly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught, And with his blood mankind has bought:

Refrain

THE EPISTLE

Luke 2:1-14 - The Word of Promise and Announcement

Dr. Smith

Luke 2:15-20 - The Word of Adoration

Mrs. Mullens

CHORAL ANTHEM

Star Carol

J. Rutter

CELEBRATING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING PRAYER

Mrs. Mullens

OFFERTORY

O Holy Night

A. Adam

Dr. Smith, Soloist

CHORAL ANTHEM

A Celtic Cradle Carol

arr. J. Martin

The Chancel Choir with Bonnie Porter, Soprano

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Dr. Smith

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

Dr. Smith

SHARING THE LIGHT WITH THE WORLD

† CAROL

Silent Night, Holy 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, Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heaven'ly hosts sing alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend them light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our 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.

(Repeat singing as necessary)

† CHIMING OF TRINITY

Please remain standing as the light of Christ exits the sanctuary - then depart in silence.

† Please stand in singing.

Welcome to Christmas Eve worship at The Memorial Baptist Church. We are pleased you chose to worship with us on this very special night. If you live in the our area, but do not have a church home, we invite you to worship with us again. We pray that your celebration of the birth of Christ will be filled with joy, and your New Year be filled with blessing and many opportunities to serve God.

Christmas Eve Offering—Tonight's loose plate offering will be used to assist our church missions and outreach efforts through the Missions Development Fund. Those wishing to make a contribution to the 2016 church operation budget are welcome to use one of the envelopes available in the pews.