



CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE

ARRANGING THE NATIVITY

DECEMBER 24, 2017, 7:00 PM

PRELUDE *Selections for Christmas Eve* Mrs. Fran Wilson and
Dr. Catherine Garner

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

LIGHTING OF THE FOUR ADVENT CANDLES Elizabeth Perry, Acolyte

† PROCESSIONAL CAROL 249 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

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!

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

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

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

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

INVOCATION Rev. Abbi Mullens

THE GREETING Dr. Brad Smith

CHORAL WORSHIP *Christians, Celebrate and Sing!* Chancel Choir
arr. Lloyd Larson

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7. 60:1-2* Dr. Andy Roby

The Word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Brooklyn, Alex, Jamie, and Brad Smith

RESPONSE TO THE READING *Gesu Bambino* Mary and Andy Roby
by Pietro Yon

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

Make music to the Lord with the harp and with the sound of singing,

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn;

Shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea resound and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

Let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Thanks be to God!

† CAROL OF REJOICING 270

Joy To The World

ANITTOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King.

Let every 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.

Joy to world! The Savior reigns; Let men 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 sin and sorrow 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 GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 2:1-20—The Nativity of Jesus Christ*

Dr. Roby

MEDITATION

O Holy Night

by Adolphe Adam

Dr. Smith

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Mullens

CHORAL OFFERTORY

Star Carol

by John Rutter

Chancel Choir

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 1:15-20

Dr. Smith

CHRISTMAS EVE REFLECTIONS

Arranging The Nativity

“Everything Surrenders”

Dr. Smith

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Dr. Smith

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Dr. Smith

† CANDLELIGHT 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's 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 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 2017 church operation budget are welcome to use one of the envelopes available in the pews.