

Peace

Joy

Love

Hope



Dawn of Redeeming Grace

CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE

DAWN OF REDEEMING GRACE

DECEMBER 24, 2018, 7:00 PM

PRELUDE

Selections for Christmas Eve

Mrs. Fran Wilson
Dr. Catherine Garner
Ms. Marie Garner, trumpet

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

LIGHTING OF THE FOUR ADVENT CANDLES

Elizabeth Perry, Acolyte
Conor Montanye, Crucifer

† 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

Come, Emmanuel

Chancel Choir

by Pepper Choplin

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

by Pietro Yon

Mary Roby

RESPONSIVE READING—PSALM 97:1, 6, 10-12

Rev. Mullens

The Lord is King! Let the earth rejoice! Let the distant shores be glad!

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; The Lord guards the lives of his faithful;

The Lord rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

† CAROL OF REJOICING 125 ***Angels We Have Heard on High***

GLORIA

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!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

Dr. Roby

MEDITATION

O Holy Night

by Adolphe Adam

Dr. Smith

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Mullens

CHORAL OFFERTORY

Rejoice!

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/
Good Christians, All Rejoice/ Rejoice!*
arr. Tom Fettke

Chancel Choir

Mrs. Bonnie Porter

Dr. Bill Lee

CHRISTMAS EVE REFLECTIONS ***Dawn of Redeeming Grace***

Dr. Smith

"A Sign for You"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Dr. Smith

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

† CANDLELIGHT CAROL 134 ***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 they 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.

† CHIMING OF TRINITY

*As the Trinity is chimed, the Pastor will carry the Christ candle out of the Sanctuary,
signifying that the church is called to bear the light of Christ into the world.*

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 102 ***Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come***

ANTIOCH

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.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love.

† POSTLUDE

Dr. Catherine Garner

† Please stand as you are able.

Welcome to Christmas Eve worship at The Memorial Baptist Church. We are pleased you have chosen 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 2018 church budget are welcome to use one of the envelopes available in the pews.