

The Chapel in the Pines

December 24, 2022

*Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

A Christmas Eve Service of Carols Candles and Communion



Gathering Music

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

***The Call to Worship** Star Child Murray/Young

Choir: Star-Child, earth-Child, go between of God,
love Child, Christ Child, Heaven's lightning rod,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

People: Come into our hearts today.

**People: Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!**

Leader: Open our hearts today, Lord Jesus.

People: Help us to receive you.

**People: Grown child, old child, memory full of years,
sad child, lost child, story told in tears,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!**

Leader: Help us to reach out to each other, Lord Jesus.

People: Illuminate our path this night.

**People: Spared Child, spoiled child, having, wanting more,
wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!**

Leader: Remind us of the needs of the world, Lord Jesus.

People: Help us to witness to your Light by serving others.

**People: Hope for peace Child, God's stupendous sign,
down to earth Child, Star of stars that shine,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!**

***The Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

**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 and ever...Amen.**

A Reading from the Gospel of John John 1:1-5, 14, 15-18
And the Word became flesh and lived among us...

The Advent Wreath Candle Lighting - The Christ Candle



***Hymn** #131 Angels from the Realms of Glory

1 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.

2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

4 Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

A Reading from the Old Testament Isaiah 9:2-6
*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us...and he is named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

A Time with the Children

The Call to the Offering

The Offertory

***Congregation sings:** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

**Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air,
but only his mother,
in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the Beloved
with a kiss.**

**What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man
I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.**



***The Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** #133 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."

3 Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun 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 new-born King."

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 1:26-38
*And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you will name him Jesus.*

Anthem

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 2:1-20
And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger...

Homily Truly and Fully Human

Anthem



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Lord God is with us, lift your hearts and voices high, let us give thanks to the Lord everywhere and at all times.

Congregation sings:

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

God, all glory be to you at this blessed Christmas time; for the gift of your own dear Son, born a poor child, peasant king. For the love you sent to us, for the life he shared with us, for the sacrifice he made; Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

Congregation sings:

**We'll praise His name forever, We'll praise His name forever,
We'll praise His name forever, Christ the Lord.**

O God, on the night before he died, the Lord Jesus took bread and after giving you thanks, he took it and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take. Eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Congregation sings:

**We'll give Him all the glory, We'll give Him all the glory,
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord.**

When we eat this bread and when we drink this cup we proclaim the saving life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ until he comes again.

Congregation sings:

**For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.**

Now accept our sacrifice as a surrender of ourselves. Send your Holy Spirit on us here and on these gifts. Help us, through this bread and cup to know the presence of Christ. Make us one with him today and one with all who seek to be truly and fully human

Congregation sings:

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

***The Prayer after Communion**

***From Starlight to Candlelight...the Light of Christ**

***Hymn** #147 Silent Night! Holy Night!

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.

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!



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.

***Hymn** #138 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. **[Refrain]**

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. **[Refrain]**

3 Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. **[Refrain]**

***Blessing**

Congregational Choral Response #125 Joy to the World (verse 1)

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth re-ceive her King.
Let ev'ry heart pre-pare him room, and heav'n and na-ture sing,
and heav'n and na-ture sing,
and heav'n and heav'n and na-ture sing.**

***Postlude**

"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."

We will gather once again for worship tomorrow morning at 9:00 for a Service of Lessons and Carols. We'll be singing lots of carols and traditional seasonal hymns as we usher in the celebration of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Please join us for this very informal service and plan to stay for a time of Coffee and Fellowship.

