

# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



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**Prelude** (Carole Geballe 4:30 p.m. and Walter Greenwood 7:00 p.m.)

## Welcome & Greeting

**Video: "Who Would've Dreamed" by Jason Crabb**

*Please Stand*

## Responsive Reading

- P Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.  
C **An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying,**  
P Do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.  
C **She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus,**  
P Who could've dreamed this child would be God with us?  
C **Such majesty now born into an unexpected place.**  
P Such a holy love, such a wondrous grace..  
C **Unto us is born this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!**

## 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



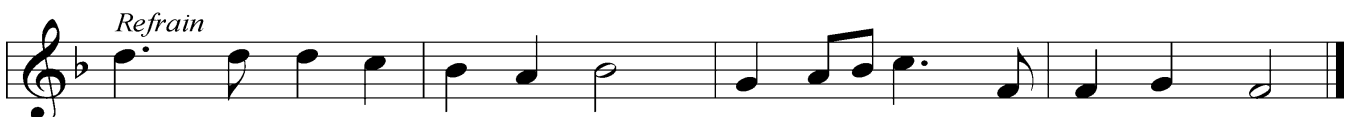
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be-hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir-gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.



Hark! The her-ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

## Responsive Reading

P The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin named Mary,

C **And he came to her and said,**

P “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”

C **But she was greatly troubled at the saying.**

P And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

C **And behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.**

*(Please be seated)*

## 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem



there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### 379 O Come All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!

Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:

Text: tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–80, alt. Text and tune: John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786 Text and tune: Public domain

### Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8–14

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

*“Glory to God in the highest,  
 and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*



## 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,  
all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing  
Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*  
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;  
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text (sts. 1–2, 4): James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.; (st. 5): Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, Salisbury, alt. Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–79  
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*Please Stand*

### **Scripture Reading Luke 2:15-20**

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the

shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## Prayer

P Let us Pray,

C Heavenly Father, we are reminded of Your great love for us as we hear this story again. Just as the shepherds came, saw, and then left glorifying and praising You, we pray that as You come to us again, You would fill our hearts with joy. Jesus provides the gift of forgiveness for us, and for all people. Help us to share Your love as we celebrate Christ's birth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## 370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98 Tune: English, 16th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

## SERMON

# "FROM DREAMS TO REALITY"

Video: "Make Room In Your Heart" by Casting Crowns featuring Matt Maher

### A Reading from John Chapter 1

*(While pastor is reading, the ushers come forward to light their candles and then the congregation receives the flame)*

**Distribution of Light** (lights are turned off)

*Please stand*

### A Reading from Matthew Chapter 5

### 363 Silent Night, Holy Night

sts. 1–3

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,  
all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face  
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy  
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Tune: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1787–1863 Text and tune: Public domain Text: tr. John F. Young, 1820–85; Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848

### The Lord's Prayer

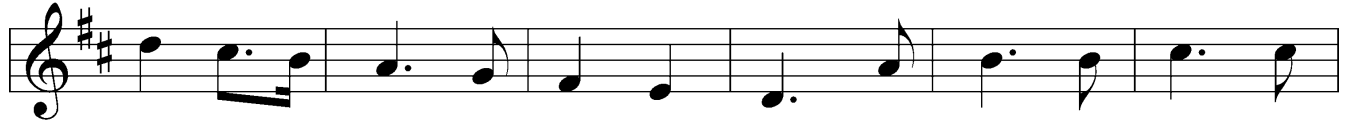
Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our

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

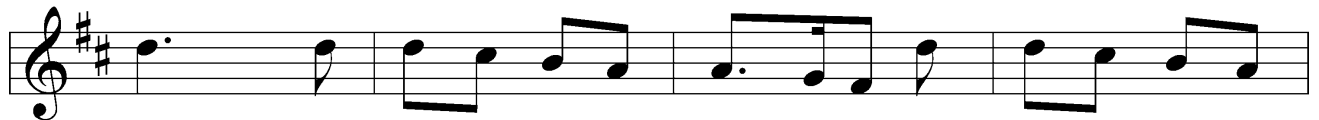
## BLESSING

Extinguish Candles (Lights are turned on)

### 387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

## Dismissal

P Go in Joy, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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