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December 24, 2019, at 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Worship Service

** Please stand for these moments during the service if you are able to.*

THE SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Prelude: While Shepherds Watched their Flocks - arr. by Jan Sanborn

***Call to Worship:** (based on Isaiah 9:6, Revelation 12:10)

Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.

**For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and his name shall be called,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

Let us Worship Christ the Lord!

*Carol: "O Come All Ye Faithful" **#159 Blue** vv.1,4&5 / **#178 Red** vv. 1-3

The Opening Prayer

Let us Pray:

Beloved in Christ, on this Christmas Eve let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the babe lying in a manger.

Therefore, let us read and mark in holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the church he came to build, and especially in this, our own community.

And because this would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved,

the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

Our Father, which art in heaven . . .

Welcome and passing of the peace

*God's Greeting (from 2 Corinthians 13:14):

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

*We Pass the Peace of Christ to Our Neighbour

The Snow lay on the Ground - arr. by Mark Patterson -Intermediate choir

The Nine Lessons

First Lesson:

God's Servant as the Antidote to the Serpent

Reading: Genesis 3:8-15 and John 3:13-16

Nuel Abenojar

*Hymn: "Angels from The Realm of Glory"

#182 Red

Second Lesson:

God promises Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed. Reading: Genesis 22:15-18.

Lucy Mwara

*Carol: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

#122 Blue verses 1,2,&4

Third Lesson:

Christ's birth and peaceful kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Reading: Isaiah 9:2,6-7 and Isaiah 11: 6-9

Daniella Bernard

*Carol: "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

#133Blue / #176 Red

Musical Item: When A Child is Born:

Bryan and Ashitha Pradeepson

Fourth Lesson:

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Sheba Sampras

*Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

165 Blue

Fifth Lesson:

The angel Gabriel salutes the virgin Mary.

Reading: Luke 1:26-38.

Ida Boyce

Shepherds in the Hush of Night - Josephine Meyer / Geoffrey O'Hara –
sung by Christina Rachpaul

*Carol: "Oh Holy Night"

#183 Red

Lighting of the Christ Candle (see insert)

Sharon Sumere and family

Musical Item: Away In A Manger

Secoya Lovelace

Sixth Lesson:

Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

Reading: Matthew 1:18–23.

Andrea Asumadu Sakyi

*Carol: “The First Nowell”

#136 Blue vv. 1-5

Seventh Lesson:

Heavenly Angels Welcome a Child in a Manger

Reading: Luke 2:1-14

Glen Bridgemohan

*Carol: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

#181 Red

Anthem: Silent Night - arr. by Ron Klusmeier

Eighth Lesson:

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Reading: Matthew 2:1–11

Valerie Kallwitz

*Carol: “Silent Night”

#154 Blue

Musical Item: Do Yu Hear What I Hear

Justiesha Jones

Ninth Lesson:

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

Reading: John 1:1–14

Edgar Campbell

*Carol: “Joy To The World”

#153 Blue

The Meditation: Rev. Germaine Lovelace

We Give our Gifts to God

Offertory: Marys Little Boy Child Jester Hairston
Jean Heathcote

Doxology: Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has bought.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Pastoral Christmas Prayer

*Carol: “Angels we have heard on high”

#179 Red

Benediction

Congregation and Choir: *We Wish You a Merry Christmas.*