

A Candlelight Service

of Six Lessons and Six Carols

on Christmas Eve 2021

Prelude

But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him
Habakkuk 2:20

Welcome

Choir Introit

Come, Thou bright and Morning Star, Light of Light without beginning; shine upon us from afar, that we may be kept from sinning. Drive away by Thy clear light our dark night.

† **Call to Worship** Isaiah 9:2, 6

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
People: those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
People: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.

† **Hymn of Adoration**

208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

† **Prayer of Adoration**

The First Lesson and Carol

Genesis 3:1–15

193 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*

The Second Lesson and Carol

Isaiah 7:10-14, 9:6-7, 11:1-2

194 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (1, 5)

Choir

Now sing we, now rejoice, now raise to heaven our voice; He from whom joy streameth poor in a manger lies; not so brightly beameth the sun in yonder skies. Thou my Savior art! Oh where shall joy be found? Where but on heavenly ground? Where the angels singing with all His saints unite, sweetest praises bringing in heavenly joy and light. Oh, that we were there!

The Third Lesson and Carol

Luke 1:46–56 *The Magnificat*

† # 213 *What Child is This*

Choir

To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is given, and on His shoulder ever rests all power in earth and heaven. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the Everlasting Lord, the Wonderful, the Counselor, the God by all adored.

The Fourth Lesson and Carol

Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-7

217 *All My Heart This Night Rejoices* (1-5)

Choir

Behold! A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel: God with us. O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain! O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength! Lift it up, be not afraid! Say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God! O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

The Fifth Lesson and Carol

Luke 2:8-16, Matthew 2:1-11

† # 203 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

The Sixth Lesson and Carol

Lighting of the Christ Candle –

Kiesel Family (5:00 p.m.), Hoffman Family (7:00 p.m.)

John 1:1-14

Testimony

† # 195 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

Christmas Meditation from God's Word Pastor Tony Felich

The Lighting of the Candles

Silent Night! Holy Night! (words printed)

† **Closing Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

† Indicates the congregation standing

Silent Night! Holy Night! By Joseph Mohr

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.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heav'n afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: Alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, 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.

Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing alleluia
to our King: Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior is born!