## Christmas Eve

# Family Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2017 4:30 pm

## **Order of Worship**

#### **Opening Voluntary**

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Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

#### Call to Worship

**Austin Crenshaw Shelley** 

A child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Let us worship God!

#### **Carol** (Congregation standing)

#### O Come, All Ye Faithful

**ADESTES FIDELES** 

1. 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! Refrain

#### Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! Refrain

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation! Sing all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! Refrain

### **Opening Prayer/Collect**

Anna Wilde and Margaret Wilde

#### **Carol** (Congregation seated)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

**CAROL** 

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world: Above its sad and lonely plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

First Lesson Luke 1:26-38 Zachary Raphael

#### **Carol** (Congregation seated)

how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

- 1. O little town of Bethlehem, 2. For Christ is born of Mary;
  - and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.
- 3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessing of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Luke 2:1-7 Greer Guyer **Second Lesson** 

**Carol** (congregation seated)

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

#### Away in a Manger

2. The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

#### **CRADLE SONG**

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

**Third Lesson** 

Luke 2:8-14 Helen Lutz

**Carol** (congregation standing)

1. 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.

#### Angels We Have Heard on High

**GLORIA** 

Ali Frazier

**ANTIOCH** 

2. 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.

**Fourth Lesson** 

Luke 2:15-21

**Carol** (Congregation standing)

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing. and heaven. and heaven and nature sing.

while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

2. Joy to the world!

The Savior reigns:

let us our songs employ;

Joy to the World!

3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of is love. and wonders of his love, and wonders. wonders of his love.

Fifth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

**Emilyanne Shelley** 

**Carol** (Congregation seated)

### We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

(Children are invited to the manger to see the Christ Child.)

- 1. We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star. Refrain
- 3. Glorious now behold him arise. King and God and Sacrifice: Alleluia, alleluia Sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign. Refrain

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Brian D. Russo Offering

**Offertory Anthem** 

Christ Is Born Today

Audrey Snyder (b. 1953)

Hodie Christus natus est. Christ is born today. "Christ is born today," the angels sang so very long ago. Christ is born today within our hearts, within our hearts and souls.

Sixth Lesson John 1:1-14

**Closing Prayer** 

Anna Wilde and Margaret Wilde

Carol (Congregation seated)

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

Jillian Quirus

(During the singing of "Silent Night," ushers will light the candles pew by pew.)

(Children only first verse)

1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright. round you virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

(Congregation joins in) 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! 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.

**Benediction** (Congregation standing)

Cynthia A. Jarvis

**Closing Voluntary** 

*Toccata (Symphonie V)* 

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

**Leading Worship:** 

Ministers: Cynthia A. Jarvis, Brian D. Russo, and Austin Crenshaw Shelley

Musicians: Ken Lovett, organ and Julie Bishop, piano

Prayers: Anna Wilde and Margaret Wilde

Lessons: Zachary Raphael, Greer Guyer, Helen Lutz, Ali Frazier, Emilyanne Shelley, and Jillian Quirus

Sheep and Cows: Annika Andrews, Teddy DeCaro, Taylor Evans, Caleb Foster, Brooks Miller, Hayden Miller,

Seth Russo, and Gavin Welsh

Lead Angels: Charlotte Baughman, Ella DePasquale, and Anna Pendse

Angels: Caroline Baughman, Lilly Baughman, Natalie Bishop, Julia Eastman, Morgan Evans, Charlotte Foster,

Beni Macelaru, Maria Macelaru, Annika Phillips, Natalie Pretz, and Ruby Shelley

Lead Shepherds: Gabriel Eastman, Nolan McClintic, and Will Pendse

Shepherds: William Baughman, Wesley Bishop, Ian Browne, Jimmy Burns, Joey Burns, Cade DePasquale,

Nicholas Fernbach, Landon Kyle, Elisa Lutz, Thomas Webber, and Colin Welsh

Joseph: Dan Foster Mary: Katie Foster Baby Jesus: Lucy Foster Gabriel: Amanda Raphael Herod: Brady Welsh

Innkeeper: Beatrix Amsterdam

Star: Micah Shelley

Wise Men: Anna Quirus, Kate Quirus, and Blake McClintic

Christ Candle Bearer: Anna Pendse

**Greeters:** Elders: Elise Hocking and Daniel Pretz; Deacons: Anne Pringle, and Beth Vaccaro

Ushers: Michael Baughman, Team #2 Leader; Jim Burns, Jason Jones, Marcia Jones, and Barbara Olson

Flower Guild: All team members

#### **Later Tonight**

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols
The Gallery Choir
9:30 pm: Music Prelude with Harp and Voice
10:00 pm: Service of Worship





## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

*In Loving Memory of* 

Remembered by

Our loved ones John and Barbara Armbruster

Blessings of family and friends Vee Barrett

Margaret Friel Mark, Rebecca, Frances and Taylor Bernstein

In honor or Aleida Garcia, a mother seeking

justice

Laura Brobyn

Alex Garcia Laura Brobyn

In honor and memory of family and friends

Nancy Brown

George A. Butler Barbara T. Butler and family

Jim Van Blarcom, Bradley Strange and

George Butler

Tom and Lisa Butler and family

Our loved ones The Canfield family

Loved ones Ann O. Carr

Mildred S. Owen and Harris A. Carr Emilie H. Carr

Loved ones Sandy and George Connelly

Gilbert and Jayne Lorenzon The Cornely family

In thanksgiving for grandchildren: Blake, Harper

and Flynn

The Cornely family

In celebration of baby Georgie Carluccio Teddy and Alex DeCaro

Terry Frazier Barbara Frazier

B. Graeme Frazier III Graeme and Becky Frazier

Our parents and brothers

Nancy and Dick Hassold

Joan W. Jarvis Cindy Jarvis

Maxine and Morris Steinman and Jane (Steinman) and Russel Kaufman

Eileen and George Kaufman

Our grandparents, Beverly and Fritz Dorer and

Thomas N. Lawton

The Lawton family





## **CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

In Loving Memory of

In thanksgiving for this special church, PCCH;

and in memory of a special friend, Janet Cross

Remembered by

Our parents Hope and Dave Luken Jeanne Lutz The Lutz family Charles F. McClintic The McClintic family Our parents: Mrs. and Mrs. James Kirlin and Diane and Bill Murphy Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy III The Olson family Jean Benjamin Margaret and Chester Olson The Olson family Loved Ones Ed and Anne Pringle Alison Rudolf Harry and Faith Dunlop In celebration of my grandchildren, Seth Edie Russo and MacKenzie John W. Sheble Mrs. John W. Sheble In thanksgiving for our family Frank and Taylor Slaughter Loved ones Barbara and Harry Spaeth James E. Robertson, Jane I. Robertson, Anne Standley and Dave Robertson Phoebe M. Roberts and Burgess P. Standley Jr. In thanksgiving for grandchildren: Ben, Emma, Grace and Dick Stewart Charlotte and Colin Loved ones Alice Lea Tasman James P. VanBlarcom Mary Anne and Peter VanBlarcom Robert William White Susan White and the Burns family

Elsbeth Wrigley