

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.

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

The peace of God, the light of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit go with you this holy night.

Pianist: Kim Osborn
Guitarist: Stacy Mullican

Thank you for worshipping with us this Christmas Eve. Please stay seated until the ushers dismiss your row and please take your bulletin as you depart. This service will be livestreamed on YouTube and a recording will be posted on social media for watching at a later time.



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Christmas Eve

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Musical Gift

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear/Silent Night

arr. Keveren

Call to Worship

Rev. Miriam Smith

Do not be afraid, for see—

I am bringing you good news of great joy.

**To us is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.**

This will be a sign for you:

You will find a child wrapped in cloth

And lying in a manger.

**Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace!**

Let us go now to Bethlehem.

Hymn #234 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vs 1, 3)

Wade

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.

O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him,

Christ the Lord.

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**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

Advent Wreath

We light the Christ candle to symbolize God's promise fulfilled. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to all on whom his favor rests.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Anthem

Welcome to Our World

Angerman

Cara Crenshaw and Lila Powell

Bible Reading — Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel

said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Message

“The Best Gift”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymns

#245 “The First Noel” (vs. 1)

Trad. English Carol

**The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

#239 “Silent Night” (vs. 1, 3, 4)

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, sleep in heavenly peace.**

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† *Welcome to Our World* by Angerman

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