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CHRISTMAS EVE 2021

7:00, and 9:00pm

PIANO & ORGAN *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine*

arr. by Lani Smith

Pastor Seth Jersild, Piano

CAROL 283 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (verses 1, 3, 4)

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

P: The people who walked in darkness

C: have seen a great light;

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,

C: on them light has shined.

P: For a child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders;

C: And He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace,

C: For the throne of David and his kingdom.

P: He will establish and uphold it

C: With justice and with righteousness.

P: From this time onward and forevermore.

C: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CAROL 279 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (stanzas 1, 2, 4)

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 1-7

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.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir *Noel Nouwelet*
with Ila Rondeau, Viola

arr. by Mark Meuser

Christmas comes anew, O let us sing Noel! Glory be to God! Now let your voices swell!

Refrain: Sing we Noel for Christ the newborn King. Sing we Noel for Christ the newborn King. Christmas comes anew, O let us sing Noel!

Angels did proclaim, "O shepherds come and see, born in Bethlehem, a blessed Lamb for thee." (*Refrain*)

Magi three to him came, following a star, bearing precious gifts from Eastern lands afar. (*Refrain*)

In a manger bed, they found the newborn Child; Joseph was there, and Mother Mary mild. (*Refrain*)

SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 8-14

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!"

CAROL 289 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav' n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 15-20

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.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please stand for the following carol

CAROL 300 "The First Noel



The first no - el, the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor
They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
And by the light of that same star three wise men
shep - herds in fields as they lay, in fields wherethey lay keep - ing their
east be - yond them far, and to the earth it gave great
came from coun - try far. To seek for a King was their in -
sheep on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No - el, no -
light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
tent, and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.
- el, no - el, no - el. Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

SERMON

Pastor Patti Morlock

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir "Nativity Carol" by John Rutter
with Ila Rondeau, Viola

Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago; Born 'neath light of star, He who loved us so.

Refrain: Far away silently lay, born today, your homage pay, for Christ is born for aye, born on Christmas Day.

Cradled by mother so fair, tender lullaby, over her son so dear, angel hosts fill the shy. *(Refrain)*

Love in that stable was born into our hearts to flow; innocent dreaming babe, make me thy love to know. *(Refrain)*

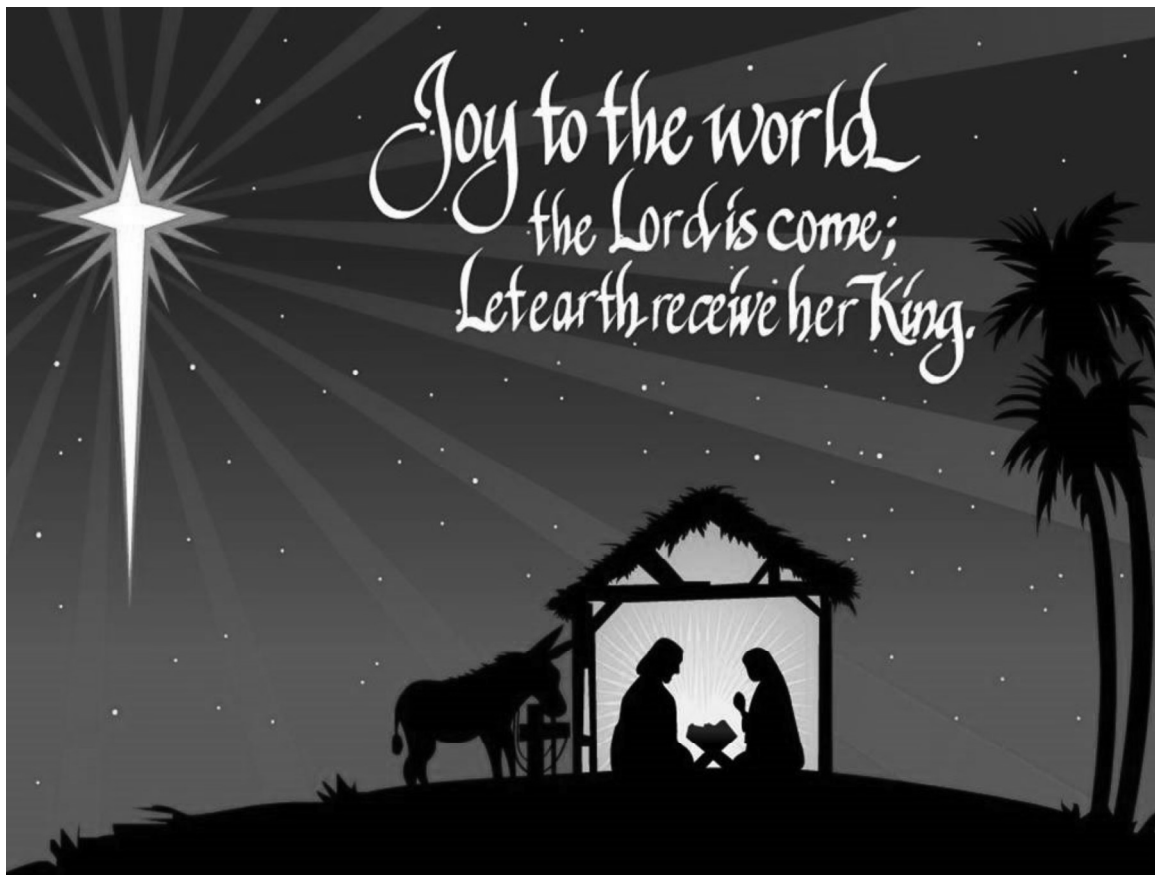
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Organ Suite *Noel Basque*

by Dom. Paul Benoit



Please stand for the candlelighting and the carol

CANDLELIGHTING CAROL 281 "Silent Night" (verse 2 in unison)

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 your 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 your

peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

BLESSING, BENEDICTION, AND DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace to serve the newborn King.

C: Thanks be to God.

CAROL 267 "Joy to The World"

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
na - tions 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
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

POSTLUDE: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

arr. by Fred Bock



*If you have ordered a poinsettia and wish to collect it,
we are asking that you please leave it in place,
if possible, until after the Christmas Day service.*

The Rev. Seth Jersild, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Patti Morlock, Associate Pastor
Mark Meuser, Organist

Serving Today

Communion Assistants

Richard Werner, Jo Dimond;

Ike Stage

Altar Guild

Lynne Ehrlich, Neil and Jo Dimond;

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Readers

Jill Althoff; Christine Hank

Acolytes

Hunter and Colton Thompson;

Merrick Wilson, Mackenzie Norman

Greeters

Bill and Linda Diehl; Ginny Bent;

James, Eva, and Emmy Counts;

Christine Hank