



**Christmas Eve Service**  
**December 24, 2019, 4pm**



**Prelude** *O Come All Ye Faithful* saxophone, Fionn Totty

**Introit** *Come O Come Emmanuel* violin, Anna Fairbairn

**Welcome** The Rev. David Grishaw-Jones

**Call to Worship** Fiona McEwan and Hannah Angell, high school youth group

**LEADER:** It's Christmas Eve and time is standing still for a moment. We welcome you here to be present with us as we together unfold the mystery of an ancient story. A story whose narrative although told from a faraway place and time, rings of a truth familiar and close to us.

**ALL:** **Tonight we are both here AND on a lonely hillside outside of Bethlehem.**

**LEADER:** We welcome each other, friends and family, returning students and relatives to journey with a Holy family whose well-worn path we know, yet in this moment it appears fresh and new to us.

**ALL:** **We welcome music and words from the voices of children; through angels we hear the news and embrace what lies ahead.**

**LEADER:** The past and the present are before us woven into our story of poverty and wealth, of risk and comfort, of refuge and sanctuary, of greed and surprising generosity, of doors closed and others opened.

**ALL:** **We witness through the footsteps of common shepherds and noble magi the constancy of a star.**

**LEADER:** A guiding light leads us through uncertainty and darkness to clarity and unity.

**ALL:** **God is the light. God is good! All the time!**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*The First Noel* violin, Anna Fairbairn

**Passing of the Peace/Ritual of Welcome**

**Invitation to Offering**

Donations from tonight's offering will support youth leadership scholarships for our high school social justice programs.

**Offertory** *Christ Was Born On Christmas Day* violin, Anna Fairbairn

**Doxology (Hymnal #780)**

**Prayer of Dedication** The Rev. David Grishaw-Jones

**A Christmas Pageant**

**We welcome the congregation to sing along with some of the Pageant's carols. Please turn over for the music lyrics.**

Our Pageant narrative is based on the "Tobias' Story," written by Carolyn Peters and on Rev. Theresa Cho's "No Stress, No Fuss Christmas Pageant," adapted by Coleman Moore and Kristin Forselius. Music direction by Lorna Ellis and Randy Armstrong. Thank you to Catherine York for piano accompaniment. Gratitude to Waysmeet for their generous loan of drums, and, of course, to our children who bring the beautiful spirit of this special story to life.

**Benediction** The Rev. David Grishaw-Jones

**Postlude** Catherine York, pianist

**Depart to Serve**

(\* Congregation may stand.)

**Pageant cast can be picked up in the chapel.** All costumes should be returned to their designated bags and hangers.

**Greeters** Hannah Dion, Ian Hricz, Ari Jackson, Gibson Moore, John Moore, Fran Houlihan

Our church nursery is open to families, however, it is not staffed for today's service.

Please Join Our Pageant Cast in Singing the Following Hymns:

**Siyahamba (A Zulu song from South Africa)**

Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos  
We are marching in the light of God.

**Fanga Alafia (A song of peace and welcome from Nigeria)**

Fanga alafia, ashe, ashe (call by Festival Singers)  
Fanga alafia, ashe, ashe (congregation responds)

**Silent Night (Following the choir's verse in German)**

1 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.  
2 Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born!"

**We Three Kings of Orient Are**

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

REFRAIN:

O Star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy Perfect Light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign. [REFRAIN]  
Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice,  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Earth to heav'n replies. [REFRAIN]

**O Come, All You Faithful**

O come, all you faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come now, O come now to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold the ruler of all angels;

Refrain:

O come in adoration,  
O come in adoration,  
O come in adoration,  
O come in adoration: Christ is Lord!

God of true God, Light of true Light  
born of the Virgin's womb in human form;  
Truly our God, begotten, not created: [Refrain]  
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all you messengers of heavenly love:  
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest:" [Refrain]  
Amen, Lord, we greet you, born this happy morning;  
Jesus to you shall all glory be given;  
Word of our God now in flesh appearing; [Refrain]

**Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Christ room;  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing.  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.  
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns  
Let all their songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy

Christ rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of God's righteousness.  
And wonders of God's love,  
And wonders of God's love,  
And wonders, wonders of God's love.