

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

## CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2017

**5:00 P.M.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!**

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

arr. Diane Bish  
Jennifer Yang

WELCOME AND GATHERING

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Charles Perez

Leader: Animals came to prepare your bed.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

Leader: Shepherds stood guard, marveled and said,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

Leader: Angels sang to calm your cries.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

Leader: And all the world gave one great sigh:

**People: Ah, Lord Jesus, you have come!**

† CAROL

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

No. 230

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Dr. Cho

*The Star*

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-5

Rev. Perez

*The Manger*

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem, the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

† CAROL

*Away in the Manger*

No. 217

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:6-7

Matt Zeller

*The Animals*

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her newborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:8

Rev. Perez

*The Shepherds*

And there were shepherds living out in the field nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

## FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:9-14

*Matt Zeller*

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord appeared to them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

## † CAROL

*The First Noël*

No. 245

## FIFTH SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:15-16

*Rev. Perez*

*Mary, Joseph and Jesus* When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

## CAROL HYMN SING

Congregation selection from the hymnal

## CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

**“The Miracle of Jesus’ Birth”***Dr. Cho*

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES &amp; OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*14<sup>th</sup> Century Melody

† Doxology

No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;**Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. † Prayer of Dedication*

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(The pastor will light the candles of the congregation. People will tilt their candles to the flame of the lit candle. Lit candles should remain upright at all times. Thank you.)

## † CAROL

*Silent Night, Holy Night**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.**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!*

*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!*

(Candles remain lit until after the Benediction)

† BENEDICTION

*Dr. Cho*

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

No. 246

*Joy to the World  
Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King; let  
every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and  
heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and flood, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat,  
repeat the sounding joy.*

† POSTLUDE

*Fantasia on a French Carol*

arr. Robert J. Hughes

† Please stand if you are able.

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**Merry  
Christmas**

**to you and all of your loved ones.**