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Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24, 2022

4:00 PM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Felix Mendelssohn, Arr. Larry Shackley

Justin Streletz, Pianist

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.

Let us go with the shepherds:

Let us go to find the Savior!

Let us go with the wise ones:

Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble:

Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

Christ the Lord!

OPENING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Galaini Family

Tonight we light the Christ candle in celebration that Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love have been born to us and in us through the coming of our Savior. On this eve so long ago an angel proclaimed the greatest truth:

"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 swaddling clothes 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!"

 **CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

 **RESPONSE**

Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child

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Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child.

**Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild;
new life, new hope the child will bring.**

Listen to the angels sing:

"Glory, glory, glory!"

Let the heavens ring. (Repeat)

 **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

The Weaving of the Christmas Story

A No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant

INSTRUCTIONS

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

NARRATOR Welcome! This evening we spin the world's oldest and most beloved yarn—and it is all true! Have you heard the tale before? More than likely. But not like this! Tonight, you get to be in the picture! You get to make the story live!

ISAIAH 7:14

HYMN 88

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lowly exile here
Until the Son of God appears...
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.**

LUKE 2:1-5 (*Entrance of Joseph and Mary*)

HYMN 121 **O little town of Bethlehem, 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.**

**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.**

LUKE 2:6-7 (*Entrance of animals*)

HYMN 115

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

**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 cradle till morning is nigh.**

LUKE 2:8-14 (*Entrance of shepherds and angels*)

HYMN 119

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

LUKE 2:15-20

HYMN 147

The first Nowell, the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep -
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the king of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay -
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the king of Israel.

MATTHEW 2:1-2, 10-12 (*Entrance of Magi from the East following the star!*)

HYMN 151: We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star...

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heaven replies -
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

ISAIAH 9:2-7 (*Everyone who is able is now on stage*)

NARRATOR This is the story -and we thank you for being a part of it.

HYMN 134: 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 us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world, with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove -
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

INSTRUCTIONS AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

(If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, about church membership, or about a special prayer need, please speak with Pastor Adam or someone at the Welcome Table right outside the sanctuary. For those worshipping online, please email Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

 **HYMN OF RESPONSE** O Little Town of Bethlehem

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SERVICE OF GIVING

(Unless designated, tonight's offering is a Christmas Joy Gift and is not part of regular pledged giving. If your offering is for the church budget, please designate that it is part of your pledge or is a gift to the church on your envelope or check.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Inspired by Tchaikovsky, Arr. Larry Shackley
Justin Streletz, Pianist

 **DOXOLOGY**

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

 **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Instructions: *Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates to receive communion. All the bread is gluten free. Please partake of the elements when you receive them, and dispose of your cups in the baskets provided. You may return to your seats by way of the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward please notify an usher, and a server will bring communion to you in your row, or you may pick up a prefilled communion cup in the Welcome Center. Know that all are welcome to the Table of the Lord.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken):

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES, Arr. Joel Raney

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/Jesus, the Light of the World

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may

we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The Pastor will light the Usher's candles with the flame from the Christ candle. Ushers in turn give light to the worshipers nearest the aisle, who will pass it on to the others in that row. Please tip the UNLIT candle toward the LIT candle to avoid spilling hot wax. Children are encouraged to break and use their glow sticks to shine the light of Christ!)

HYMN

Silent Night *(verse 3 a cappella)*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Adam C. Bowling

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES



CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Joy to the World

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POSTLUDE

Sing We Now of Christmas

TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL, *Arr. Mark Hayes*

Justin Streletz, Pianist



Please stand, in body or in spirit.

WHEN LEAVING THE PARKING LOT . . . for safety, please turn right when exiting the church parking lot and make a U-turn at the traffic light instead of turning left onto Minnieville Road.

Have a very Merry Christmas!

*We invite you to join us for worship TOMORROW, December 25th
10:00 AM - one worship service*



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Ministers.....	People of the Church
Pastor.....	Rev. Adam C. Bowling
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 Church Office Hours: 10AM -2:30PM, weekdays, 703-670-7834



*Poinsettias were given
to the Glory of God . .*



*Barbara Baker and Chic Milam, in memory of
Donald Baker and Nellis Milam
Bob and Sandy Chamberlin, in honor of
our four daughters and their beautiful families
Bob and Sandy Chamberlin, in memory of
our parents, Joe and Ruth Chamberlin and Ed and Georgie Stratton
Jeff and Kathy Cobb, in memory of Charles Irvin
Jeff and Kathy Cobb, in honor of our family
Pam Cox, in loving memory of Lisa Chrzan
Claudia Cunningham, in memory of my parents,
Florence and Sam Cunningham and my sister, Anne C. Woodfin
Caroline Garrett Diaz, in loving memory of
my dad, Robert and my sisters, Carol and Cathy
Tom and Karen Elliott, in memory of
Tom Elliott, Sr. and our son, Mark
Brian and Diane Fulton, in memory of
Jacob and Scott Fulton
Sofie Garrett, in loving memory of
my husband, Robert and my daughters, Carol and Cathy
Bruce and Betsy Gilbert, in honor of our families
Jeanette Gregory, in memory of my parents and John
Kathy McNeely, in honor of
Cathy Albrecht and Jeannie Scott
(for helping me with my home infusions)
Bob and Sara Porter, in memory of
The Reverend William N. Clark, Jr. and Jane Clark
Doug and Ann Randles, in honor of
our children and their families
Melissa Reidy Nordstrom, in loving memory of
my parents, Carol and Pat Reidy
Melissa Reidy Nordstrom, in loving memory of
my father-in-law, Ron Glass
Barbara Wilson, in memory of Lynn P. Wilson*

Your poinsettias may be picked up after the 10 AM worship service on December 25th. Thank you!

