

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2022

6:00 PM

Prelude: O Holy Night Rita Pittman

Welcome and Merry Christmas Rev. Jonathon Kosec

The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

Call to Worship: Responsorial Psalm 97: 1, 6, 11-13

People: A light will shine on us this day: The Lord is born for us.

Pastor: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many isles be glad.
The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see His glory.

People: A light will shine on us this day: The Lord is born for us.

Pastor: Light dawns for the just; and gladness, for the upright of heart.
Be glad in the Lord, you just, and give thanks to his holy name.

People: A light will shine on us this day: The Lord is born for us.

ECC Choir Christ Has Come

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

O Come, All Ye Faithful.

Special Music I Wonder As I Wander Norma Goodwin

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: This is the night you have made, Lord,

People: Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Pastor: Remind us of the privileges as your people:

People: To come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises.

Pastor: Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

People: Open our ears to hear your Word.

Pastor: Visit us through your Holy Spirit

People: Help us to celebrate our faith.

Offering * Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

DULCIMERS

O Holy Night & Pacem Noel

Angels We have Heard on High

The First Noel

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2: 1-14

Special Music

Lo, How A Rose

Mark Pittman

Today's Message:

The Darkness is Shattered

Rev. Jonathon Kosec

Away in A Manger

What Child Is This?

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Closing Prayers

Go Tell it On the Mountain

Joy to the World

Sending Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

Silent Night

Benediction

Postlude:

Head Usher: Hal Bates

Usher/Greeters:

Dallas & Rev. Liz Jensen

Alan & Sara Forsman

BIRTHDAYS

Ron Hamilton 12/29, Ellen Gagnon 12/31

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-14 New Living Translation

The Birth of Jesus

2 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. **2** (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. **4** And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. **5** He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

6 And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. **7** She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

The Shepherds and Angels

8 That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. **9** Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, **10** but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. **11** The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! **12** And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in highest heaven,

and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."