



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**



**Light Has
Shined**

Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Family Christmas Pageant

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach
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Candle Lighting

O Holy Night
Lisa Corpron, Solo

Adolph Adams
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Welcome

Lighting the Advent Candles & Christ Candle

Reader One:

People of God, today we welcome the Christ Child, the fulfillment of our joy, as we proclaim with the prophet Isaiah, "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

Congregation:

Christ our joy has come near. Emmanuel, God with us, has come to dwell on this earth and in our hearts. "His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this" (Isaiah 9:7).

Reader Two:

We light this candle as a sign of Christ coming to dwell with us, to live in the neighborhood of vulnerable humanity as a vulnerable child. May the light of Christ warm our hearts and light our way as we share the joy of God's salvation wherever we go.

† Christmas Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful (v1-3)

UMH 234

1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

- Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Opening Prayer

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

First Reading – The Promise

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (NRSV)

Carol

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (v1)

UMH 196

- Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Second Reading – The Annunciation

Luke 1:26-35, 38 (NRSV)

Carol

My Soul Gives Glory to My God (v1-2)

UMH 198

- My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways.
- My God has done great things for me: yes, holy is this name.
All people will declare me blessed, and blessings they shall claim.

Third Reading – Joseph's Vision

Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

Carol

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v4)

UMH 211

- O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

Fourth Reading – Jesus is Born in a Manger

Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV)

Anthem

Angels' Carol
Chancel Choir

John Rutter
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Fifth Reading – The Angels’ Proclamation

Luke 2:8-14 (NRSV)

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High (v1, 4)

UMH 238

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

4. See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Sixth Reading – The Shepherds’ Visit

Luke 2:15-20 (NRSV)

Anthem

Come on Down

Chancel Choir

Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Soloists

John Parker/Joel Raney
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Seventh Reading – The Magi’s Visit

Matthew 2:1-11 (NRSV)

Carol

We Three Kings (v1)

UMH 254

1. 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.

Eighth Reading – The Gospel Proclamation

John 1:1-14 (NRSV)

Carol

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

UMH 240

1. 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 th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Tell It on the Mountain
Chancel Choir
Joyce Theilacker, Solo

Arr. Joel Raney
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† Doxology

Tune - UMH 94

In Bethlehem a child is born, let darkness end: salute the morn.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lift up your voice and with us sing; come, lay your gifts before the king.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Song of Dedication

Joy to the World

UMH 246

1. 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.
2. 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, repeat the sounding joy.
3. 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 if found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
4. 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, and wonders of his love.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Ritual of Candles

Benediction & Response

Peace, Peace / Silent Night, Holy Night
Chancel Choir and Congregation

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, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!
3. 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.

Liturgical elements from *The Abingdon Worship Annual* and *The United Methodist Hymnal*

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