

A Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2022

Gathering

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Prayer

Creator of the Stars of Night (vs 1, 2, 3) VT 236

Lighting of Advent candles McHugh Family

What Child Is This

VT 267

Helpless and Hungry

VT 268

Dedication of Giving Projects

Offertory

Isaac Buller

Lesson 1: The Advent of the Word

Art: Sololos, "Dark Starry Sky"

John 1:1-5

Denise Risser

O Come, O Come, Immanuel

VT 210

Lesson 6: An Oracle of Isaiah

Art: Sawai Chinnawong, "Thai Nativity"

Isaiah 9:2-7

Billy Funk

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

VT 216

Lesson 2: The Annunciation

Art: Henry Ossawa Tanner, "The Annunciation"

Luke 1:26-38

John Mast

The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed VT 221

Lesson 7: The Shepherds and the Angels

Art: Daniel Bonnell, "Seeing Shepherds"

Leader:

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. Lo, an angel of Almighty God came to them, and God's glory shone 'round about them: and they were sore afraid. The angel said to them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For to you is born this day in David's city a savior — the Messiah. Let this be a sign to you: you shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

People:

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, peace to those on whom God's favor rests!"

(Luke 2:8-14)

Lesson 3: Joseph's Dream

Art: Brad Matthews, Joseph's Dream

Matthew 1:18-25

Richard Aguirre

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

VT 259

Lesson 4: Mary's Song of Praise

Art: Painting in the church of El Sitio, Suchitoto, El Salvador

Luke 1:39-56

Clare Krabill

My Soul Proclaims with Wonder

VT 222

Lesson 5: The Birth of Jesus

Art: Mike Moyers, "The Manger"

Luke 2:1-7

Asiko Dlova, Shalom Solomon,

Senper Solomon

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Angels We Have Heard on High VT 249
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing VT 247

Art: Jesus Mafa, "The Birth of Jesus with Shepherds"

Leader:

After the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said one to another,

People:

"Let us now go into Bethlehem, and see for ourselves this thing which has come to pass, and God has made known to us."

Leader:

They left their camp in haste, and found Mary and Joseph tending the babe as he lay in a manger. As they took in the sight, the shepherds made known what the angel had told them concerning the child. All who heard their report were astonished by the shepherds' words.

People:

As the shepherds took their leave, glorifying and praising God for all that they had witnessed, Mary treasured these things, and pondered them in her heart.

(Luke 2:15-20)

Love Came Down at Christmas VT 255

If you brought an offering, you may place it in the basket as you leave the sanctuary.

You may also place your candle in the ceramic bowls as you exit

Childcare:

Childcare for infants & toddlers through 3 years of age is available in the Cherub Corner (Room 2). Child Caregivers Today: Aaron Wieand and Deb Williams

Participants:

Worship leader: Steph Wieand

Musicians: Angela Shenk, Olivia Adcock, Kahlan Yoder, Andrea Bontrager Yoder, Adelyn Wieand, Ana Sofia Barahona, Isabela Barahona, Raf Barahona, Ian McHugh

Song Leader: Greg Smucker

Readers: Denise Risser, John Mast, Richard Aguirre, Clare Krabill, Asiko Dlova, Shalom Solomon, Senper Solomon, Billy Funk

AV Technician: Jason Moshier

Sending and Candle Lighting

Silent Night, Holy Night VT 244
Benediction