



*Silent Night,
Holy Night*



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"Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together."

December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

PRELUDE

Credo in Candlelight

Joseph Martin

WELCOME

*** CAROL**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#241 VT

(verses 1-2)

*** OUR CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION**

One: Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us;
Advent joy stirs us; Advent peace stills us, that
we might affirm our King Jesus. It is time we set
flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the
Christ Candle.

All: We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was
born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea.
He was the long-awaited Messiah whose coming
was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our
hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total
commitment. In Jesus Christ, our hope is fulfilled;

our love is consummated; our joy is complete; and
our peace is sealed.

One: Rejoice, a Savior is born.

All: A Savior is born, indeed. Come Thou Long-
Expected!

SOLO

Mary Did You Know?

Mark Lowry



LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Adam and Eve disobey God's command and
disrupts the order and goodness of creation.

CAROL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #218 VT

(verses 1 & 3)



LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises that, through Abraham,
all the peoples of the world will be blessed.

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem #245 VT

(verses 1 & 3)

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LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walk in darkness
receive the promise of the Messiah.

CAROL

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #248 VT

(verses 1-2)

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LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse
to restore the peace of creation.

CAROL

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming #216 VT

(verses 1-2)

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LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

An angel appears to Mary and announces
that she will bear a holy child.

CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #247 VT

(verses 1 & 3)

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LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem
where Mary gives birth to her child.

* **CAROL**

Away in a Manger
(verses 1 & 3)

#257 VT

❧ VII ❧

LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

Angels appear to shepherd in the fields
and announce the birth of the Messiah.

CAROL

Angels, We Have Heard on High
(verses 1 & 4)

#249 VT

❧ VIII ❧

LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah
and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.

CAROL

We Three Kings of Orient Are
(verse 1)

#1045

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LESSON

John 1:1-14

The Word of God becomes flesh and
lives among us, full of grace and truth.

SOLO

Gesu, Bambino

Pietro Yon

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Robert Louis Stevenson

“Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of angels, the
gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the
wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door
of love all over the world. Let kindness come with
every gift and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ
brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be
Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to
our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and
forgiven, for Jesus’ sake, Amen!”

LIGHTING OUR CANDLES

One: What has come into being in Him was life, and
the life was the light of all people.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the
darkness did not overcome it.

* **CAROL** *Silent Night, Holy Night* #244 VT

(As we sing, let us share the light of Christ with one another by passing the flame from one candle to the next. Please, tip your unlit candle to receive the flame.)

* **TOLLING OF THE CHRISTMAS BELL**

* **SENDING**

* **POSTLUDE** *Go Tell It On the Mountain* trad. spiritual

* Please, stand as able and led

Please deposit your candle in a basket
before leaving the building.

We extend our thanks to the musicians and the many others for their help with tonight's service.



MINISTERS ALL MEMBERS

Pastor.....David Whitten

Candle Lighters.....Alyce Newman and Barbara Beers

Soloists.....Marcia Forrest and Carol Goss

Flautist.....Sarah Hartman

Guitarist.....David Whitten

Pianist.....Bob Phillips

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