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Bulletin

Sunday Worship
December 24, 2020
8:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve

Prelude

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
Music: Richard Storrs Willis
Naomi Alter, Harp

Special Music

"O Come All Ye Faithful"
UMH 234, Vs. 1, 3
Words and Music: John F. Wade
Ensemble and Praise Band

Welcome and Invocation with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Unexpectedly, the time came!
The child was born!
Unexpectedly, the angels told the shepherds
of the newborn Savior;
Unexpectedly, the shepherds went and
found the child, lying in a manger.
Our Christ comes again and is nearly here.
We are ready... Our waiting is
almost done...
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Special Music

"Joy to the World"
Music: G. F. Handel, Setting: Joel Raney
Brenda Foss, Piano, Adam Ferrara,
Organ



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Scripture with the Guffey Family

Isaiah 9:2-7 (NRSV)

Advent Candles plus the Christ Candle - The Guffey Family

Reader 1: Rejoice, people of God! The light has come into the world.

(A member of a family lights the four Advent candles.)

O God, now we light the candle of your nativity!

(With all Advent candles lit, a member of the family lights the center white Christ candle.)

Reader 2: With the company of heaven and with sounds of great joy, you come to us. This is the time of light and resplendent joy.

Reader 1: The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time when those who walked in the shadows would see a great light. A light would shine and a child would be born to us. The evangelist Luke painted the nativity sky and repeated the heavenly song of the angels, "Glory, peace on earth and goodwill!" John declared that this great light is Christ, the Word made flesh. This great light lives among us. By it we behold God's glory—full of grace and truth. At Christ's nativity, we now rejoice.

All Family: God, our Life and Light, thank you for coming this night (day) to us. Thanks for touching all heaven and earth with your splendor. In every corner of the world, shine (this night) with your peace. In every corner of our hearts, shine (this night) with your grace. Amen.

Song of Welcome

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Words and Music: Trad. French Carol

Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes

Praise Band



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Community Prayer with Dakota Koenig

Heavenly God, may our hallelujahs ring loud and true as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Let us rejoice knowing that he is truly Emmanuel, God with us. Our hearts are filled with joy knowing that we see your face in the precious baby Jesus. May our worship and praise be to your glory, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Amen.

Lord's Prayer with Dakota Koenig

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Song of the Word

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Words: James Montgomery

Music: Henry T. Smart

Ensemble and Praise Band

Scripture with Sarah Felien, Phoebe Fraser and Keira Pierce

Luke 2:1-20 (NRSV)

Message

Anticipatory Life

Response to the Word and Call to Witness with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Song of Sending

"Silent Night" UMH 239, Vs. 1,2,4

Words: Joseph Mohr

Music: Franz Gruber

Praise Band

Sending Light of Christ into the World with

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann

The night is still; the stars shine bright. Holiness is all around. Treasure the stillness; drink in the wonder. As you lie down and sleep tonight, may the peace of God enfold you and may you awake with great joy for our Savior has indeed come. All is well.



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