

A Service of Lessons & Carols

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

8:00 pm

† please stand in body or in spirit

*Thank you for joining us for our Christmas Eve service this evening!
We pray you will receive a blessing tonight as we reflect on and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior!*

Prelude“Fantasy on ‘Carol of the Bells’”
by Mykola Dmytrovych Leontovych
Julie Hart, Guest Organist
JoAnn Pendley, Pianist

WelcomeDerek Almarode

Special Music“O Holy Night”
Melissa Swisher, Soloist
JoAnn Pendley, Organist

Call to WorshipDerek Almarode

Leader: Because Christ has been born in the world,

People: **people who walked in darkness now live in great light.**

Leader: Because Christ has been born in the world,

People: **the power to oppress and kill will not stand.**

Leader: Because Christ has been born in the world, we respond in wonder:

People: **with the angels, we sing glory to God;
with the shepherds, we share the good news;
with Mary, we ponder the words of this night,
and the Word that has come into the world: Immanuel.**

† **Hymn 140**“Once in Royal David’s City”
James Dye, Guest Organist

Advent WreathDerek & Cindy Almarode, Ashlyn Almarode

Scripture: Luke 2:10-11

Lighting of the Advent Candle “The Christ Candle”

Congregational Response (sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger”)

**We honor Messiah with Christ's candle flame
Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim
O Come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.**

Prayer of the DayDerek Almarode

HomilyDerek Almarode

A Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

First Lesson Genesis 3:1-20 Jill Webb

Hymn 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18 Brian Lee

Hymn 518 “Your Only Son”

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2,6-7 Cindy Almarode

Hymn 123 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10 Wade Cash

Hymn 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-35,38 Penny Lee

Hymn 88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Special Music “Mary Did You Know?” The Goodson Family

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1,3-7 David Schooley

Hymn 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Special Music “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Jim Dye

Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16 Tim Turner

Hymn 135 “There’s a Star in the East”

Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 Bob Olson

Hymn 151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14 Tamara Barbour

Special Music “Go Tell It on the Mountain” Penny Lee and Stacey Stevens, Duet

† **The Candle Lighting** (please stand)Derek Almarode

† **Hymn**“Silent Night, Holy Night!”
(panel 3)

† **Benediction**Derek Almarode

† **Sending Hymn**“Joy to the World”
(panel 4)

Postlude“Thanks be to God”

§ Copies of the poinsettia & BERF donations list are available in the vestibule. If you purchased a poinsettia please take it home on your way out. Thank you!

Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing “Al - le - lu -
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!”
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

GERMAN

1 Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

KOREAN

1 고요한밤 거룩한밤
어둠에 묻힌밤
주의부모 앞아서
감사기도 드릴때
아기잘도 잔다
아기잘도 잔다

SPANISH

1 ¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!
Todo duerme en derredor,
entre los astros que esparcen su luz,
bella, anunciando al niño Jesús,
brilla la estrella de paz,
brilla la estrella de paz.

The tradition that this carol’s tune was created for guitar accompaniment at its first singing on Christmas Eve 1818 seems reliable, though a recent find shows that the text was about two years old. But there is no question that this is now a favorite Christmas carol worldwide.

TEXT: Joseph Mohr, 1816; stanzas 1–3, English trans. John Freeman Young, 1863;
stanza 4, English trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell, 1863, alt.
MUSIC: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818
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STILLE NACHT
Irregular

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,
 and

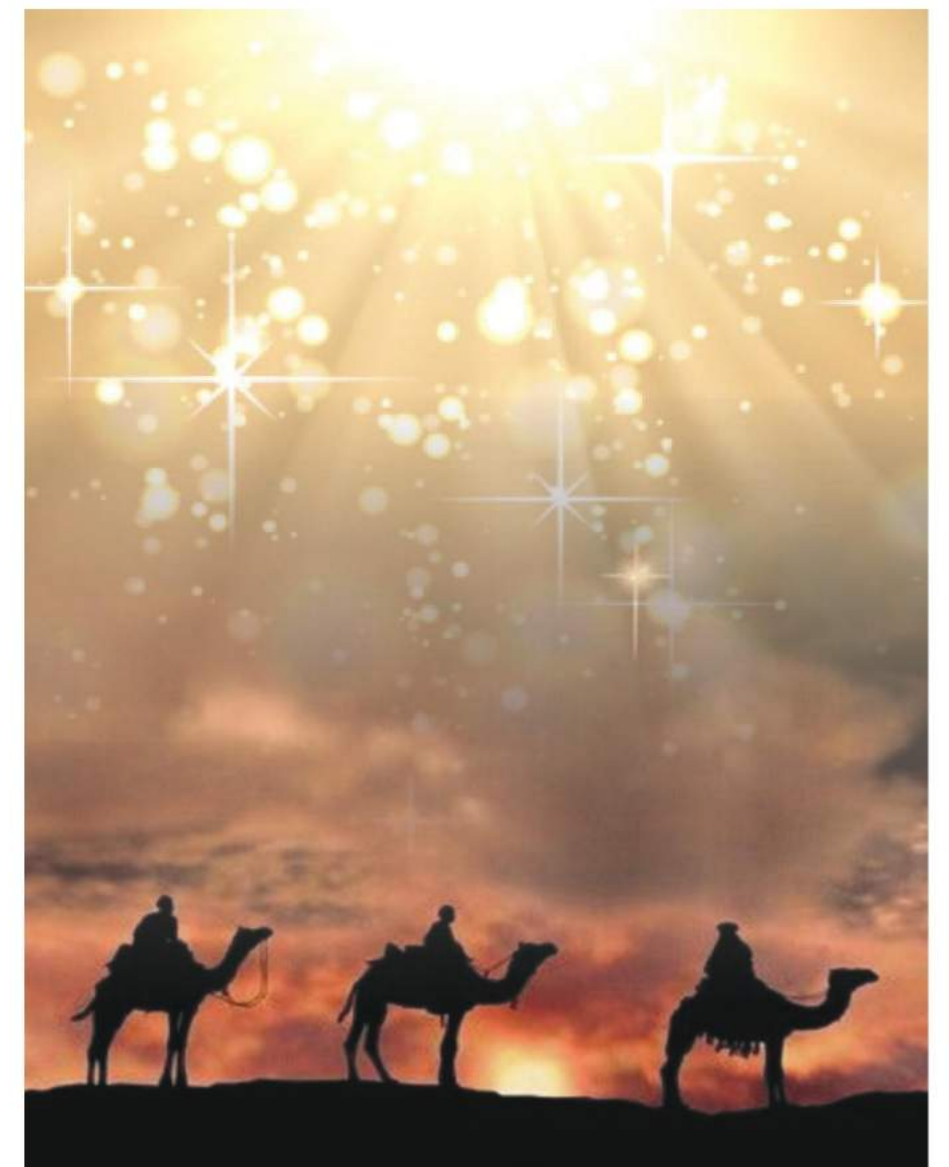
sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

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 CM with repeat
 (alternate tune: RICHMOND, 266)



it is *the* night of our
 dear Saviour's birth

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Given by: Kay Swisher

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