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The Celebration of Worship The Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2009

11:00 PM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here this night. Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care and other church programs are available from any usher. The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

Luke 2:1-14

PRELUDE (Selections from the following:)

Angels We Have Heard on High
Carol of the Birds
In Dulci Jubilo
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
The Holly and the Ivy
We Three Kings

arr. Kinyon
arr. Kinyon
arr. Rucker
arr. Dobrinski
arr. Sanders
arr. Dobrinski

Cappella Bells
Kathy Lynch, director

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*CAROL 38

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CAROL

*It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
Peace on the earth, goodwill to all from heaven's all-gracious king:
the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Claire Butler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: The Good News is this: Christ entered the world

People: to free us,

Leader: to accept us,

People: to love us to be the women and men we were created to be.

Leader: Friends, through the love of Christ, we are forgiven and welcomed home.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

WELCOME AND MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, and greet each other by name.
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

*HYMN 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

We Declare Our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Claire Butler

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Ai Las

Guy Morançon

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim Roberts

God of Christmas joy, we bring our offerings in response to the love You have given us in the Christ Child. Bless what we bring to spread Your love to all people in the name of Christ. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Nativity Carol

John Rutter

*Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago; Born 'neath light of star, He Who loved us so.
Far away, silent He lay, born today, your homage pay, for Christ is born for aye, born on Christmas Day.
Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby; over her Son so dear angel hosts fill the sky.
Wise men from distant far land, shepherds from starry hills worship this babe so rare. Hearts with His warmth He fills.
Love in that stable was born into our hearts to flow; innocent dreaming babe, make me Thy love to know.*

The Geneva Choir

GOSPEL READING Isaiah 9:6-7, Pew Bible, OT p. 638 Bill McCoy
Matthew 1:18-25, Pew Bible, NT p. 1

SERMON NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES: Bill McCoy
Jesus

CAROL 60 Silent Night STILLE NACHT

*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.*

*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."*

*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.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend Thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION Bill McCoy

*CAROL 40 Joy to the World ANTIOCH

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing ...*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy ...*

*He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love ...*

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.
Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this evening.

Please place your candle in one of the receptacles at the exits as you leave.
Merry Christmas!

Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel.
Please accompany children.

Greeters today are: Barbara Gessner, Mark Holmes

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THANK YOU!