



## Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 2021

\*Please stand as you are comfortable

## Prelude

*Music of the Season*

## Processional Carol UMH #250

*"Once in Royal David's City" (1 & 2)*

IRBY

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;  
Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848 Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849

## Words of Welcome

Pastor Beth

## \*Call to Worship UMH #815-816

"Psalm 96"

One: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**All: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

One: Declare the Lord's glory among the nations, the Lord's marvelous works among all the peoples!

**All: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, to be feared above all gods.**

One: For all the gods of the peoples are idols; but the Lord made the heavens.

**All: Honor and majesty are before the Lord in whose sanctuary are strength and beauty.**

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

**All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name! Bring an offering, and come into the courts of the Lord!**

One: Worship the Lord in holy splendor;

**All: Tremble before the Lord, all the earth!**

One: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

**All: The Lord has established the world, it shall never be moved.**

**The Lord will judge the people with equity."**



**\*Hymn** UMH #217

*“Away in a Manger” (1 & 3)*

**AWAY IN A MANGER**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.  
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Words: Anon. (Lk. 2:7) Music: James R. Murray, 1887

**Scripture**

*Luke 2:8-20*

**Choral Anthem**

*“Festival First Nowell”*

arr. Dan Forrest

1. The First Nowell the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter’s night was so deep:

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

2. Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heav’n and earth of nought,  
And with his blood mankind hath both.

(Refrain)

**Scripture**

*Titus 2:11-14*

**Reflection**

**Special Music**

*“Light of Christmas”*

William H. Neidlinger

Aysen Milliogullari and Sinamar Pascua Respicio

**Scripture**

*John 1:1-5, 9*

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**All: God beyond imagining, we confess the reality of faith, Chris is the light that shines in our darkness, Christ’s light will not be overcome, let us participate in sharing this light with all. Amen.**

**Ringing of the Bells**

*Prelude on 'Stille Nacht' setting by D. Wagner*

The Christ Church Ringers  
\*congregation candle lighting

**\*Closing Hymn** UMH #239

*“Silent Night, Holy Night” (1, 2 & 4)*

**ST. LOUIS**

1. 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.

2. 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!

4. 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!

Words: Joseph Mohr, 1818, alt.; sts. 1, 2, 3 trans. by John F. Young Music: Franz Gruber, 1818

**Benediction**

Pastor Beth

May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into One both earthly and heavenly things, fill you with peace, hope, joy, and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always as we go forth to share the good news. Amen.

**\*Postlude UMH #246**

*“Joy to the World”* (vs. 1 & 4)

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 Music: Arr. from G. F. Handel, 1741, by Lowell Mason, 1848

**Voluntary**

*“Toccata on JOY TO THE WORLD”*

David Angerman

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