



Washington Street United Methodist Church
December 24, 2020 ~ Christmas Eve
12:00 & 4:00 Outdoor Service

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

With the prophet Isaiah,
we proclaim the promise of God:
**The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.**
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ***

WELCOME

If you have not pre-registered online, please be sure to “register” your family at the Registration Table. Bulletins and communion elements are available on the Registration Table.

CAROL 234
(vs. 1-3, 6)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
Refrain: O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten not created;
(*Refrain*)

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
(Refrain)

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
(Refrain)

Words: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; trans. Frederic Oakeley, 1841, and others
Music: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; harm. from *Collections of Motetts or Antiphons*,
1792

OPENING PRAYER

**O God our Father, you have brought us again to this glad Christmas Eve when we
celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day
and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us.
Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old.
Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts.
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(THE BOOK OF WORSHIP 1944, ALT.)

THE LESSON

SOLO

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

12pm: Shelley Maddox, soprano; Louis Shirer, piano
4pm: Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

HOMILY

CAROL 229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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*During the singing of the hymn, please prepare the elements that you brought from home for
distribution among your family or the elements provided here at the service. If you need the
elements, please visit the registration table or signal one of the ushers.*

1. Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.

Words: Polish carol; trans. Edith M. G. Reed, 1925

Music: Polish carol; arr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1926; harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing....And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem.....And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

[Please take the elements that you have prepared in your hand(s) and lift them up for the blessing]

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.
Amen.

Let us share in the feast together.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF RESPONSE (Alston)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for the mystery of The Incarnation and for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. With the joy and hope of your life among us, grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CAROL 239

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

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!

3. 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.

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; sts. 1, 2, 3, trans. John F. Young; st. 4 trans. anon

Music: Franz Gruber, 1818

BENEDICTION (Patricia)

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Go, all ye faithful! Take the love of Christmas.
Carry the message far beyond these walls.
Hold forth the Christ-light, conquer every darkness.
Go forth, O church of Jesus! Proclaim the One who frees us!
Speak peace! Reach out in mercy, in kindness and love.

Words: R. G. Huff, 2015

Music: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; harm. from *Collections of Motetts or Antiphons*,
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*The United Methodist Book of Worship, 1992.

* Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1 © 2014
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