



**Washington Street
United Methodist Church**
(Pre-Videoed)

Liturgical Color: White, symbolizing the coming of the Christ Child
Washington Street UMC ~ Sanctuary

December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

PRELUDE "Les Bergers" from *La Nativité du Seigneur* Olivier Messiaen
Louis Shirer, organ

WELCOME (*Instructions for Interactive Worship*)

You may create your sanctuary in any space, for all things belong to God. You are invited to share in the carols and prayers and to light the Advent candles, including the Christ Candle, with us as we welcome the Light of Christ into the world.

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. ***

CAROL 234 O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES
(vs. 1-3, 6)

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*)

Karly Shorter, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ
Words: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; trans. Frederic Oakeley, 1841, and others

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9:2a-7

CAROL 220
(vs. 1-2)

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
2. Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
(*Refrain*)

Karly Shorter, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ
Words: James Montgomery, 1816; Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

RECITATIVE There were shepherds abiding
ACCOMPAGNATO And lo, the angels of the Lord
RECITATIVE And the angel said unto them
ACCOMPAGNATO And suddenly, there was with the angels
CHORUS Glory to God
Karly Shorter, soprano, Felicia Torres, alto, Pato Aravena, tenor,
Malcolm Lemons, bass
Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor
Louis Shirer, organ

PROCLAMATION

“And the Glory of the Lord”

Rev. Parrish

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In Unison*)

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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Reverends Lippert and Parrish

Tonight, we light four candles for the hope of the prophets,
For the peace that is promised
For the joy of God's surprising gift and
With thanksgiving for the love that came down at Christmas
We light the Center Candle for Christ, the Light of the World. 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
Recorded at WSUMC on 12/24/2019

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Go, all ye faithful! All who know the Savior.
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.

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Music: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; harm. from *Collections of Motetts or Antiphons*, 1792

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Helen Lewis-Carter
December 17, 2020

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..."

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Rev. Parrish joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Mr. James Carter and family in the passing of his wife, Mrs. Helen-Lewis Carter.

Reverend Parrish and the staff of Washington Street United Methodist Church pray for each one of you to experience the joy and wonder of Christmas. May the light of Christ shine in your hearts and throughout the world.



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