

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2011, 9:00 pm

PRELUDES music of Bach and Handel

PROCESSIONAL "Lullay" Polish Carol

OPENING WORDS by Jacob Trapp Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

INTROIT "Lo, How a Rose" Michael Praetorius

READING Luke 2: 1-20 Rev. Debra Haffner

MUSIC "Lullay My Liking" Edward Thompson

READING Matthew 1:18-24 Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"(over)

READING "I Will Light Candles" (Thurman) Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

MUSIC "Gloria" Antonio Vivaldi

REFLECTION Rev. Debra Haffner

MUSIC "The Holly and the Ivy" English Traditional

READING "Christ Climbed Down" (Ferlinghetti) Rev. Debra Haffner

OFFERING "Shout for Joy" Traditional, arr.Decormier

SERMON "The Journeys of Christmas" Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

CANDLELIGHTING "Silent Night" (over)

BENEDICTION (anonymous) Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (over)

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Thanks to members of the Christmas Eve Choir

Wreaths & Pointsettias given by Roberta & Barry Finkelstein in gratitude for their ministry among us.

THE BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON TO EVERYONE!

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

1. It came upon the 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 men from heav’n’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurl’d,
And still their heav’nly music floats o’er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov’ring wing.
And ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

SILENT NIGHT

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.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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:
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
2. Lo, humble shepherds, hasting to His cradle,
Leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.
We, too, with gladness, thither bend our footsteps; (CHORUS)
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (CHORUS)