

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Silent Night”

Verse 1: Lachlan Mitchell

Verse 2: Eliana Gaebel

Verse 3: Emmelia Gaebel

Verse 4: Children’s Choir

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: You are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved. So, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and love

People: **We have been called into the one body, where the peace of Christ is the ruler. We are thankful and join the song of the angels.**

Pastor: You live in the richness of Christ’s word with wisdom and music all around. So teach others the Way of Christ. And whatever you do, in word, or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **We go in Christ’s peace to serve God and our neighbor.**

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***BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**

No. 240, v. 1

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”*

*Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaims, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”*

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Joy to the World”

No. 246, vs. 1 & 2

**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.**

**2 Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

***POSTLUDE**

“Rejoice And Be Merry”

T. Kendall

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!



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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask an usher or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us. May God bless your experience in worship with us today. We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

DECEMBER 26, 2021

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

“Litany”

D. Paxton

(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

No. 220, vs. 1 & 4

*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;
Come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ the newborn King*

*Saint, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in His temple shall appear;
Come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ the newborn King*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God's love has come to earth to dwell with us.

People: Sing for joy with the angels.

Pastor: We are God's chosen people, loved and cherished.

People: Sing for joy with the angels.

Pastor: The birth of Love has changed us forever.

People: Sing for joy with the angels.

Pastor: Let us sing, praise, rejoice and worship together!

OPENING PRAYER

God of the Incarnation, even as we celebrate the Love that was born at Christmas, we know that your love continues to grow far beyond Christmas Day. Even as parents watch tenderly and proudly as their children grow into adulthood, you hold us in your compassionate embrace throughout our lives. Guide us into mature faith, O God, that we might be like Jesus in our love, in our humility and wisdom, and in every word and deed. Shape us, inspire us, challenge us, and bless us with the music to sing your praises. Amen.

INTROIT

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

No. 238, vs. 1 & 3

*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.*

[Chorus]

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

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[Verse 3]

**Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Angels We Have Heard On High"

H. Gehrke

*DOXOLOGY

To the Tune "What Child Is This"

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of miracles, when Jesus was born, angels, shepherds, sages, and even animals rejoiced and gave thanks. Today, we delight in our chance to join the Christmas party of gratitude. Thank you for naming us your beloved children. We offer you our hearts, our deeds, and our entire lives in thanksgiving for the gift of Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT "Just a Little Christmas"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Emmelia Gaebel

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Away in a Manger"

Children's Choir

HYMN

"The First Noel"

No. 245, vs. 1 & 2

*The first Noel the angel 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 that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!*

*They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond this far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!*