

First Presbyterian Church of Anaheim

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2022

9:00 pm

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

John 1:1-5

Olivia Kellett, Liturgical Dance

CALL TO WORSHIP

The light shone in the darkness of Nazareth and became flesh in Bethlehem.

It illumined a field of shepherds and led wise men from the East.

Tonight's journey is a journey of light.

A Light that now shines on us.

So come, let us adore him.

Christ, the Lord, the Light of the World.

***HYMN NO.41** (v. 1 & 3) O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

Glory to God, all glory in the highest; [Refrain]

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH & CHRIST CANDLE

Chris and Peggy Coleman

RESPONSE

Angels We Have Heard On High (refrain)

Glo---ria. In Excelsis Deo. Glo---ria. In Excelsis Deo.

THE HOPE OF THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 9:6-7

ANTHEM

Once in Royal David's City

arr. A.H. Mann

THE ANGEL GABRIEL VISITS MARY

Luke 1:26-33

ANTHEM

And There Were Shepherds

J. S. Bach

JESUS IS BORN

Luke 2:1-7

HYMN NO.44 (v. 1 & 2) *Oh Little Town of Bethlehem*

St. Louis

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie,

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by;

Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting Light,

The hopes and fears of all the years, are met in Thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

THE ANGEL'S SONG

Luke 2:8-20

ANTHEM

Blessed Son of God

Ralph Vaughan Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

***HYMN NO.40** (v. 1, 2, 4) *Joy to the World*

Antioch

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.

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING

(As the sanctuary lights are dimmed, please turn on your candle)

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.

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!

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.

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

J.S. Bach

*You are invited to stand as you are able.

Please Note: Disneyland fireworks will go off during our service around 9:30pm this evening. Please do not be alarmed by the loud sound. It is just Disney's addition to our celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Leading Worship Tonight

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Carolee Ramich, Sam Miller, Maren Hamilton, Soloists

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound

Liturgists: Rev. Elizabeth Chu, Dale Ramont

Christmas Morning Worship

Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 AM

This year Christmas falls on a Sunday and Sunday means that we gather for worship. Come dressed for the rest of your day (pajamas are welcome!)

There will be lots of carols, a story, and even

a small choir (!) as we continue our celebration of the Birth of Jesus.



New Years Day Worship

Sunday, January 1 at 10:30 am

When Christmas falls on a Sunday, then New Year's Day does as well. To celebrate the first day of 2023 we will gather around the Lord's Table to review the past year and embrace the new year as we share in a Love Feast, from the Moravian Church tradition. This service will not

only feed our souls-it will feed our bodies since Carolee Ramich is baking homemade breads that we will eat as part of the service.



Tonight's Offering

For those who wish to make a contribution to the ministry of the church this evening, offering plates are located on a table in the center aisle and on the communion table at the front. Thank you for your support.

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