



CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2020
8:00pm Candlelight Service

PRELUDE

“O Holy Night”
Toccata on “I Saw Three Ships”

arr. David Marlatt
arr. Charles E. Perry

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Bonnie Chiappetta & Alexis

Let us pray:

God of promised light and righteousness, renew our trust that your will is being done on earth as it is in heaven. May the spirit of Christ be born anew with us, that we receive his grace with thankfulness and then share it in thankfulness. Amen

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES
arr. David Willcocks

OPENING PRAYER

Now in the silence, whisper of joy which comes into every life. Now in the comfort of carols, sing of hope which takes away the despair which envelops us. Now in familiar words heard anew, speak to us of grace, which is born into barren lives, of peace which is birthed in war’s shadowed fears. Now, we connect in spirit with those who have always been a part of us, and those from whom we have been apart. Remind us of your heart which always accepts us, and always welcomes us. Now in the love, which is ours forever, draw us closer to your heart, so we can be surprised by wonder, swaddled in serenity, and embraced by tenderness. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

“This Christmastide” (Jessye’s Carol)

Donald Fraser
Jane McCulloch

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Caitlyn Joy, Reader
Stafford Scholarship, 2019

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Bring a Torch!”

arr. David L. Shove

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

Amanda Lecuona, Reader
Stafford Scholarship, 2018

CAROL	<i>“Angels We Have Heard On High”</i>	GLORIA arr. Carlton R. Young
THIRD SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>	Olivia Carrara, Reader Stafford Scholarship, 2018
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>“Angel Tidings”</i>	Cynthia Dobrinski
REFLECTION	<i>“Joseph Faces Reality”</i>	Rev. William Schram
FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 2:1-7</i>	Gabriella Suda, Reader Stafford Scholarship, 2020
CAROL	<i>“We Three Kings”</i>	KINGS OF ORIENT arr. Jeremy J. Bankson & Tom Trenney
REFLECTION	<i>“Mary Ponders”</i>	Thea Ruth White
FIFTH SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 2:10-20</i>	Madison Borys, Reader Stafford Scholarship, 2020
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>“Children, Go Where I Send Thee”</i>	arr. Mark Hayes
A CHRISTMAS PRAYER		
SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST		
<i>During the singing of “Silent Night,” you may light your candles at home. As we begin to sing the third stanza of “Joy to the World,” please RAISE your candle as a symbol of Jesus Christ, the Light which darkness will never overcome.</i>		
CAROL	<i>“Silent Night”</i>	STILLE NACHT arr. Cathy & David Moglebust
CAROL	<i>“Joy to the World”</i>	ANTIOCH arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>“Christmas Fantasy”</i>	Joel Raney

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers

MUSIC PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Barbara Piercy, Minister of Music
Noel A. Piercy, Associate Musician
Chancel Choir
Chancel Handbell Choir

Pilgrim Choir
Westminster Choir

Friends of the Choirs & Youth Choir Alums
James De La Garza, Trumpet I, Section Leader
Dan Egan, Trumpet II
Daniel Linden, Tenor Trombone
Rob Fournier, Bass Trombone
Jesse Gerbasi, Timpani & Drum Set
John Lenis, Bass

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