



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CAROLS, COMMUNION, AND CANDLELIGHT
Worship on Christmas Eve

December 24, 2015

7:00 pm

PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

PAUL MANZ

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Howard and Jenny Fulwiler

Leader: Tonight we celebrate the one moment, the one birth,
and the one life that forever changed the world!

People: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Leader: Because you came to us, we have experienced the
ultimate hope to combat even the darkest moments.

People: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Leader: Because you came to us, we have seen the fullness of
love to the highest degree.

People: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Leader: Because you came to us, we have seen the face of
peace in its purest form.

People: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Leader: Tonight, we celebrate your birth that unleashes
hope, love, peace, and joy into the world from now
until the day of your return.

People: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Unison Prayer: Gracious God, your Spirit has led us throughout the days and nights of our Advent journey. Thank you for opening our eyes to see more of your presence in our world and in our lives. We rejoice in your ultimate gift of sending a Savior who has taught us the fullness of what hope, love, peace, and joy are all about.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Amen.

◆CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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!

3. Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2. True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

◆CHRISTMAS PRAYER

◆CAROL

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

All creation, join in praising; God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising; to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

SANDRA EITHUN

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

ANTHEM

Christmas Peace

JOEL RAINEY

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Pastor Daniel

◆CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

COMMUNION

We will be served from the communion table area. Ushers will invite your pew to come forward. You are invited to take the bread, dip it in the cup, and then partake. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher, and you will be served in your seat. Please indicate preference for gluten free bread.

CAROLS DURING COMMUNION

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

O 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.

For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep; their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together; proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts; the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still; the dear Christ enters in.

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!

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

◆CANDLE LIGHTING

Lights will be dimmed, and elders will light the candle of the first person in each pew. Once your candle is lit, please pass the light to the person beside you. We sing "Silent Night, Holy Night" as we light our candles.

◆ CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

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

Please extinguish your candles and place them in the baskets in the narthex as you depart.

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Tonight's offering supports the Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC. Founded as a Presbyterian ministry in 1875, Thornwell is a joyful Christian community, offering hope and wholeness to children and families. Its goals are to provide loving homes for abused, abandoned, and neglected children, to offer an opportunity for healing by providing proper healthcare and mental health counseling for every Thornwell child, and to offer Thornwell's children hope for a successful future by providing educational support and teaching self-advocacy. We make our gift to Thornwell in memory of Mrs. Ella Boyer, who provided loving care to the children of Westminster for over 25 years. Please make checks to *Westminster Presbyterian* and mark them *Thornwell Offering*.

Acolytes tonight are Lauren Smoak and Mattie Housley.

Guest Musicians:

Brian Reed, <i>trumpet</i>	Suzanne Reed, <i>horn</i>
Susan DuPuis, <i>trumpet</i>	Ken Foberg, <i>trombone</i>

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