

CHRISTMAS EVE

2024
6:30pm/8:00pm

PRELUDE

“The First Noel” -arr. Kevin McChesney (6:30pm service)
-Handbell Choir

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” -arr. Brian Childers (8:00pm service)
-Trio: Heather Burditt, Anna Odom, Ellen Pond

CONTEMPLATIVE READING

Kim Crampsey, reader

Source: *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ*, J. Piper pg. 27

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence -167

Acolytes: Hudson Gould (6:30pm service)

Asher McLaughlin (8:00pm service)

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

People: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders; and He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

The Zeal of the Lord will accomplish this.

INVOCATION

Pastor Caleb Davis

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Of the Father's Love Begotten -145 vs. 1,3,4

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5, 14

Pastor Dan Odom

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful -173

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Pastor Dan Odom

Paul A. Richardson, author

Almighty God, who, having created all worlds and mankind, has profoundly pitied us; who has come to us that we might be saved, not of our merit, but of Your unquenchable love;

look on us who worship in comfort, in light and warmth, in health and prosperity, in pride and in presumption: For, having all glory, You became incarnate in the dishonor of a defeated line of kings; having all riches, You became incarnate in the poverty of the working class; having all illumination, You became incarnate in the darkness of night and obscurity; having all wisdom, You became incarnate in the confounding simplicity of a child; having all life, You became incarnate in the emptiness of a virgin's womb; having all power, You became incarnate in the weakest form of human life—a male infant.

Help us to recognize our shame, our poverty, our darkness, our foolishness, our emptiness, our weakness, that we may know our need of you.

And then...become incarnate in us.

We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Hark the Herald Angels Sing -171 vs.1&3

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 1:18-25 Mark Stubbs
 Heather Stubbs

CHOIR ANTHEM

“O Come, Emmanuel” -Elaine Hagenberg *(6:30pm service)*

“My Lord has Come”- Will Todd *(8:00pm service)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38 Perrin Prescott
 Connie Lawrence

CHOIR ANTHEM

“What Child Is This?” -Patrick Hawes

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 2:1-12 Mark Stubbs
 Heather Stubbs

CHOIR ANTHEM

"The Hands that First Held Mary's Child" *(6:30pm service)*

-Dan Forrest

“Wexford Carol” -Howard Helvey *(8:00pm service)*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 2:1-20 Perrin Prescott
 Connie Lawrence

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Angels from the Realms of Glory -174 vs. 1&5

VOCAL SOLO

“O Holy Night” -Adolphe Adam
 Soloist: Wesley Lawrence

CHRISTMAS HOMILY

Title: “Made More Certain”

Text: 2 Peter 2:16-21

Pastor Ken Lawrence

“And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place...” -2 Peter 1:19

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RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 55:9-12

Pastor Dan Odom

Leader: As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

People: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is My word that goes out from My mouth:

Leader: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

People: You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the fields will clap their hands.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High -152 vs. 1,2,3 *(6:30pm service)*

Medley of carols in candlelight *(8:00pm service)*

BENEDICTION

Pastor Caleb Davis *(6:30pm service)*

Pastor Dan Odom *(8:00pm service)*

POSTLUDE *(6:30pm service only)*

“Puer nobis nascitur” (Unto Us Is Born a Son)

-Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

The Truth of the Gospel

The **Truth of the Gospel** is presented in the Scriptures as “Good News”.

The good news that has been given to us in God’s Word, is that the one and only God, who is holy, made us in His image to know Him. But we sinned and cut ourselves off from Him. In His great love, God became a man in Jesus, lived a perfect life, and died on the cross, thus fulfilling the law Himself and taking on Himself the punishment for the sins of all those who would ever turn and trust in Him. He rose again from the dead, showing that God accepted Christ’s sacrifice and that God’s wrath against us had been exhausted. He now calls us to repent of our sins and to trust in Christ alone for our forgiveness. If we repent of our sins and trust in Christ, we are born again into a new life, an eternal life with God.

Now that’s good news. We pray that you would receive this Good News as what it actually is... news. This is the actual reporting of the facts of humanity by our Creator. May you hear this good news and believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that believing in Him, you may be saved unto eternal life with Him.



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