

Christmas Eve

at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church



December 24, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

The Nativity Tableau

Protective candle holders and candles, which will be lighted during "Silent Night," are available near all entrance doors. Please return the candle holders as you leave.

As you arrive, please leave as much room in the pews as possible for others to join us. After 4:20 p.m., we ask that unclaimed seats be made available for others.

Prelude

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

Words of Preparation

Please join when invited, singing the refrain from O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.



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Gathering Around the Word

Welcome

Agnes W. Norfleet

Call to Worship

Henry Bickhart

One: Come proclaim with the prophets:

All: "Unto us a child is born!"

One: Come sing with the angels:

All: "Glory to God!"

One: Come follow the star.

All: Come close to the manger.

One: Come all you people,

All: To worship the Lord!

Please rise if able for the Processional Carol.

Processional Carol

Once in a Royal David's City

IRBY

1.
Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.
2.
He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
3.
Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless; tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.
4.
And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Please be seated.

Opening Prayer

Lesson 1: The Prophets

The Prophets Tell of the Coming of the Savior

Katherine Hattersley

Jeremiah 23

Masie McMahon

Listen! The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

Isaiah 9

Zack Powers

Listen! The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

Micah 5

Lindsay Collett

But you, O Bethlehem, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Choir Carol

People, Look East!

Children's Choir and Youth Chorale
Oscar Medina, baritone

arr. Craig Phillips

People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth, and set the table. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the guest is on the way. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way. Birds, though ye long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen, he for fledging time has chosen. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the bird is on the way. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth, Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Lesson 2: Mary & Joseph

Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus

Luke 2

Wade Cranford and Arwen Tucker

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Please remain seated.

Congregational Carol

Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG

The congregation is invited to join on verses 2-3.

1. (Choir only)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2.

**The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

3.

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

Lesson 3: The Angels and the Shepherds

Please rise if able.

The Shepherds Go to the Manger

Luke 2, continued

Kaitlyn Kuntz and Samuel Conway

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all the people!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, *“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”* So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Congregational Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

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 proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”
2.
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 th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”
3.
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!”

Please be seated.

Lesson 4: The Magi and the Star

The Visit of the Magi

Matthew 2

Everett Young and Stella Rowbotham

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,

“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him,

“In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

The wise men set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Please remain seated.

Congregational Carol

We Three Kings

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

All: We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain (All): O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!

Soloist: Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain;
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign. **Refrain (All)**

Soloist: Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising gladly raising,
Worshiping God Most High. **Refrain (All)**

Soloist: Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. **Refrain (All)**

All: Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies. **Refrain (All)**

Christmas Eve Offering

Franklyn C. Pottorff

Music at the Offering

Mary Rocking, Gently Rocking

Children's Choir and Youth Chorale

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Mary rocking, gently rocking, rocking Jesus, Holy Child. Angels singing, sweetly singing: Glory be to God on high. Holy Jesus, born to save us, in your mother's arms now rest. Mary rocking, gently rocking, rocking Jesus, Holy Child. Shepherds running, swiftly running, running on to Bethlehem town. Bright star shining, brightly shining, shining forth to show the way. Holy Jesus, born to save us, in your mother's arms now rest. Shepherds running, swiftly running, running on to Bethlehem town. Wise men traveling, traveling on to find the Child. Bright star shining, brightly shining, shining forth to guide the way. Holy Jesus, born to save us, in your mother's arms now rest. Wise men traveling, stately traveling, traveling on to find the Child.

The Wexford Carol

Youth Chorale

Emily Peetros, soprano

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Good people all, this Christmastime, consider well, and bear in mind what our good God for us has done, in sending his beloved Son. With Mary holy we should pray to God with love on Christmas Day; In Bethlehem upon that morn there was a blessed Messiah born. Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; To whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear. "Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem, be not afraid; For there you'll find this happy morn, a princely Babe, sweet Jesus born." With thankful heart and joyful mind the shepherds went the Babe to find. And as God's angel had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold. Good people all, good people all, this morn.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Franklyn C. Pottorff, Libby Huth, and Gabriel Schrieber

- One: Living God, we gather as your people.
Help us know your promise tonight and every night.
Listen as we give thanks and pray with one another. Hear our prayers tonight O God.
We give thanks for the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love.
- All: Help us share these gifts with others.**
- One: Help us as we pray with those who are hurting tonight;
With those who grieve, are sick, or are hungry. We pray with all who need your help.
- All: Help us care for one another. Help us share your love and joy.**
- One: We pray with those who need a safe place.
We pray with those in places of danger or war.
We pray with all who need a safe place to rest and a safe place to grow.
- All: Help us care for one another. Help us share your hope and your peace.**
- One: Help us live as a people of the light! Help us follow after your Son, Jesus.

Children: You were born a child like us.

Adults: Help us grow in strength and wisdom.

One: Guide us still, O Living Christ. Guide as we pray as you first taught us:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, And the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Lesson 5: The Light Shines

John 1

Elizabeth Rothman, Jasper Conway, and Vivian Hattersley

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Lighting the Christ Candle and Passing the Light

Candle lighters will bring the light of the Christ candle to the congregation, lighting the candle of the person at the inside end of each row. As you receive the "light of Christ," please tilt your unlit candle toward the flame. Please refrain from allowing children ages four and under to hold lighted candles.

Please remain seated.

Congregational Carol

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

1.
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.

2.
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.

3.
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.

Benediction

Rachel Pedersen

Please rise if able.

Recessional Carol

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

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 earth, 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.
3.
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.

Postlude

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

Worship Participants

Holy Family and Innkeeper

Ashley Friedant, James Milo, Louise Milo, Michael Milo

Shepherds and Sheep

Aria Albahary, Jack Bickhart, Alex Conway, Ryan Duncan, Fiona Erdlen, Elisabeth Haas, Sebastian Jones, Jackson Jones, Sam Kullen, Ryan Kuntz, Kenzie Liggett, Joseph McMahon, John McMahon, Alex Nicholas, Parker Nicholas, Tyler Noone, Charlie Pottorff, Eli Powers, Amelia Reiner, Jack Stevens, Seamus Tucker, David Tyre

Angels and Gabriel

Sasha Lou Albahary, Marnie Duncan, Ivy Erdlen, Morgan Gunther, Lowell Hoffman, Campbell McCormack, Sienna Rowbotham

The Magi and the Scribes

Ruth Conway, Bridget Cranford, Sam Giampetroni, Ryder Noone, Benjamin Schrieber

The Three Kings Soloists

Maeve Daley-Gibson, Meredith Meyer, Emily Peetros

Readers

Henry Bickhart, Lindsay Collett, Charlie Collett, Meredith Collett, Jasper Conway, Samuel Conway, John Craig, Wade Cranford, Sarah Edmonds, Isabella Garlepp, Will Giampetroni, Vivian Hattersley, Katherine Hattersley, Libby Huth, Kaitlyn Kuntz, Cameron Liggett, Claire Liggett, Masie McMahon, Sidney Nicholas, Whitney Odiorne, Zack Powers, Elizabeth Rothman, Stella Rowbotham, Gabriel Schrieber, Arwen Tucker, Everett Young

Carillonneurs

Bob Holmes and Paul McConnell

Flutist

Kim Trolier

Choir Participants

Children's Choir

Bryn Barrickman, James Bertrand, Charlie Collett, Lindsay Collett, Meredith Collett, John Craig, Bridget Daley-Gibson, Sarah Edmonds, Lexi Garlepp, Isabella Garlepp, Will Giampetroni, Morgan Gunther, Cameron Liggett, Claire Liggett, Greer McMahon, Masie McMahon, Sidney Nicholas, Whitney Odiorne, Charlie Reiner, Maggie Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds, Eve Samahon, Avery Stoy, Carter Stoy, Emily Tyre

Youth Chorale

Nina Bertrand, Maeve Daley-Gibson, Peter McConnell, Paul McConnell, Oscar Medina, Meredith Meyer, Bliss Odiorne, Emily Peetros, Georgia Jane Whamond, Owen Yoder

Youth Chorale Alumni and Friends

Corey Bonar, Cameron McKendrick, Lindsay McKendrick, Anna Meyer, Karl Meyer, Cody Müller

Christmas Flowers

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In Celebration of...

Another Christmas together
Brooke, Charlie, and Teddy IV
The 62nd Anniversary of James and RuthAnne Stewart
The adoption of Anthony Justin and Arabella Nicole Senn
The baptism of James Howard Milo
The birth of Emory Eleanor Haldy
The birth of Hugh Warren Fleuter
The birth of Reid Dashiell Swenson
The birth of Thomas Philip Gunther

Merry Christmas

from Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

We are glad you have chosen to be with us,
and we invite you to participate in future opportunities
for worship, fellowship, and outreach.

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion Service in the Chapel
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School ages 2 - grade 5
10:00 a.m. - Youth Gathering grade 6 - grade 12

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Worship Notes

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