

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols
Friday, December 24, 2021 | 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary



WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Frank Ferraro, trumpet 1

Zach Walter, trumpet 2

Paul Rosenberg, French horn

Russell Mehrtens, trombone

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THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Christmas is a joyful celebration. Some prepare by greeting each other with quiet words of peace, and others wish to prepare in silent attention to the prelude.

Please be respectful of how those around you prepare.

PRELUDE

Boughs of Holly
The First Good Joy

Michel Rondeau
Michel Rondeau

WORDS OF WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

David & Barbie Heaton

One: We gather this evening to hear again the angels' song:

All: Do not be afraid; for I bring you good news of great joy.

One: Unto us is born this day in the city of David,

All: A Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

One: Tonight we light the Christ candle at the center of the Advent wreath,

All: To celebrate the birth of Jesus, who is the center of our lives.

One: As this candle burns brightly,

All: We welcome the Light of the world.

One: We give thanks that the Christ Child is born in us anew each year,

All: Bringing us hope, peace, joy, and love.

Please rise as able.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

1 (Choir) 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.

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.

2 (All) 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.

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.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION (in unison)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Now in the silence of this holy night, O God,
whisper to us 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 troubled lives,
of peace which is birthed in world's shadowed fears.
Now in the company of those who have always been a part of us,
and mindful of those from whom we have been apart,
remind us of your heart which always accepts us,
always welcomes us.
Now in the love which is ours forever,
draw us closer to your heart
so we can again be surprised by wonder,
swaddled in serenity,
and embraced by tenderness in Jesus, the Christ Child. Amen.

INVITATORY CAROL

What Sweeter Music
Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heav'nly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honour to this day that sees December turn'd to May. Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden? Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis he is born, whose quick'ning birth gives life and lustre, public mirth, to heaven and the underearth. We see him come, and know him ours, who, with his sunshine and his show'rs, turns all the patient ground to flow'rs; The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him. The nobler part of all the house here is the heart, which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath, to do him honour, who's our King, and Lord of all this revelling.

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2-7

Brian K. Ballard

CHOIR CAROL

Resonet in Laudibus
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Alice Parker

Let our voices sound with joy, welcoming this baby boy, Sion's children, with us join to sing the Son, the Holy One of Mary. Rejoicing, Christ is born this holy day! Rejoicing, Mary's Son is born today. Sion, let his praise begin! Tiny Child, all free from sin, come from heaven our souls to win, we sing the Son, the Holy One of Mary. Rejoicing, Christ is born this holy day! Rejoicing, Mary's Son is born today. Born is our Emmanuel, named by angel Gabriel. Long ago Ezekiel foretold the Son, the Holy One of Mary. Rejoicing, Christ is born this holy day! Rejoicing, Mary's Son is born today. Run together, everyone! Shout the praise of God's own Son, let His will on earth be done, and follow Him, the little Son of Mary. Rejoicing, Christ is born this holy day! Rejoicing, Mary's Son is born today.

JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM Luke 2:1-7

Leigh DeVries

CHOIR CAROL

Star Carol
Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem; Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies. Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle. Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night! Follow me joyfully. Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory, bear the news with its message of good cheer: "Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us." See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping, Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep. Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him, offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary. Let us all pay our homage at the manger, sing his praise on this joyful Christmas Night. Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation.

THE ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS Luke 2:8-20

Rachel Pedersen

Please rise as able.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks WINCHESTER OLD

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| 1 While shepherds watched
their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around. | 4 "The heavenly babe
you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all humbly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid." |
| 2 "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind:
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind. | 5 Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song: |
| 3 "To you, in David's town this day,
is born of David's line
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign: | 6 "All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven
begin and never cease!" |

Please be seated.

CHOIR CAROL Noel We Sing arr. Robert DeCormier and E. Power Biggs
Sanctuary Choir

Angels of the Lord they came from heavens singing, called the shepherds by name while the bells were ringing; Told the shepherds where they lay, Jesus Christ was born today. Noel we sing. Christ is born a King. Leave your ewes and leave your rams; leave the watch you're keeping. Leave your sheep and leave your lambs on the hillside sleeping. Rise up, shepherd, follow me to the manger lowly. To the manger straight they came, there they knelt before Him, singing praises to His name; thus they did adore Him, echoing their sweet amen, oh Christ is born in Bethlehem. Trumpets sound and angels sing, join in celebration; to us all good tidings bring of a new creation. For today a Child is born: Jesus, son of Mary.

GOD HAS SPOKEN BY A SON Hebrews 1:1-4 Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR CAROL O Nata Lux Morten Lauridsen
Sanctuary Choir

O born light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant us to be made members of your holy body.

SERMON Angels Appearing Agnes W. Norfleet

Please rise as able.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

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| 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 the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
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!" |
| 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 the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!" | |

Please be seated.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Brian K. Ballard

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lullaby, My Lovely Child
Sanctuary Choir

James Sutcliffe

Lullaby, my lovely child, infant mild, King divine now sleep awhile, lullaby, beloved baby, Heavenly King, lovely lily of our springtime. Little boy, why do you weep, go to sleep, see, the donkey watch will keep. Lullaby, o heavenly baby, heart's delight, sweet redeemer shining brightly. Gathering round your humble stall one and all, kings and shepherds heed thy call, do they know what you are saying, peace on earth, all the universe is praying. Go to sleep, my heavenly boy, soon will come the time to weep. The suffering and the dying must be borne, then comes time of dawning.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

Leigh DeVries

We give you thanks, Holy One,
for the world of wonder you have made:
endless sky filled with stars, earth teeming with life,
a human family to care for creation and to companion one another.
We bow in humble gratitude for the greatest gift of grace that you have given:
little child, lying in the manger, hope of the universe.
Receive our gifts of kindness and love,
of gratitude and praise, and use them for your glory;
we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the child of Bethlehem. Amen.

Please rise as able.

CONGREGATIONAL 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!
- 2 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!
- 3 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!

Please be seated.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The candle lighters will light their candles from the Pastors' candles.

*They then will light the candle of the first worshipper in each pew
who will pass the light down the pew.*

When the light comes to you, please tip your candle toward the lighted candle.

CHOIR CAROL

Carol of the Candle
Sanctuary Choir

Stephen Paulus

I burn for joy, I burn for the birth of a tiny boy; He feeds my climbing flame, Jesus is His name. Clear flower on a sweet stem; He grows in Bethlehem. I turn the night to day, I cast all shadows and fears away; He shall burn with a finer flame; Jesus is His name.

Please remain seated.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL Silent Night, Holy 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,
Heav'nly 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 AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

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Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

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The Life of Marge Jarvis
Engagement of Suzanne Kay to Jim Mensinger
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from the staff of

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