



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2023 5 p.m.



Prelude

Vera Dean, Ian Ballow, Nate Ballow

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Shannon Dill

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Family of Langley and Carol Perry

Song of Praise 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
(the congregation is invited to sing)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Sounds of Christmas

Special Music

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Children's Christmas Ensemble

Sounds of Angels

Carol

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (the congregation is invited to sing)

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King":
the world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

2 For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Sounds of the Manger

Carol

Away in a Manger (the congregation is invited to sing)

1 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.

Sounds of Glory

Angel Song

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Angels

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High (*the congregation is invited to sing*)

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Christmas Message

Shannon Dill

*Children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps.
Children may return to their seats after the prayer.*

Offering

Still, Still, Still
arr. Colin Curtis

Christmas Litany*

Leader: Tonight we heard the sounds of angels.

People: **We pray that our ears will hear God's voice calling to us.**

Leader: Tonight we heard the sounds of slamming doors.

People: **We pray that we will always open our hearts and homes to all.**

Leader: Tonight we heard the sounds of a tiny baby.

People: **We give thanks for life and for the promise and hope it brings.**

Leader: Tonight we heard the sounds of lowly animals.

People: **We pray to always remember that Christ was born to poor people in a forgotten place.**

Leader: Tonight we heard the joyful noise of praise from children.

People: **We pray that we, too, can show our praise in such a bold way.**

Leader: As the candlelight spreads through this sanctuary, may the light spread like the joyful sounds of Christmas.

People: **May the light of Christ dwell in our hearts and shine in our lives!**

Candle Lighting*

The ushers will light a candle at the end of each pew. Please receive the light by dipping your candle into the lighted candle and passing the light to your neighbor.

Carol*

Silent Night, Holy Night! *(the congregation is invited to sing)*

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.

4 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.

At the conclusion of the carol, the Sanctuary lights will come up and you are invited to extinguish your Christmas candle.

Benediction*

Postlude

Toccata on "Mendelssohn"
Felix Mendelssohn arr. Joel Raney

Cast

Narrators: Nolan McGoldrick, Asher Phillips, Cricket Townsend

Mary and Joseph: Bess and Ben Gillespie

Baby Jesus: Robbie Gillespie

Gabriel: Rowan Phillips

Joseph's Angel: Lad Dean

Roman Soldiers: Jay Favero and Cullen Davis

Innkeeper: Hayes Phillips

Angels: Hannah Brown, Gray Gullede, Sarah Miller, Nora Miller, Elsie Riddle, Bea Riddle, Vera Dean

Live Sheep Shepherds: Hunter Moss, Samantha Moss, Evan Murray, Hope Murray

Shepherds: Emmett Favero, Dylan Wilkes, Wyatt Gullede, Wesley Brown

Soundmakers: Grace and Bobby Wilkes

Little Angel: Frances Vanderboom

Little Shepherd: Andrew Vanderboom

Tech Team: Steve and Faye Cashwell

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