

Christmas Eve; December 24, 2020; 6:00 pm
Grace Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas
Cheryl Homsher, Pastor
Laura Holleman, Director of Music
Bob Alexander, Assisting Elder
Lynda Clark, Vocalist

PRELUDE "The Christmas Rose" arr. Martin

WORDS OF WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CAROL: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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;

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,

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O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!

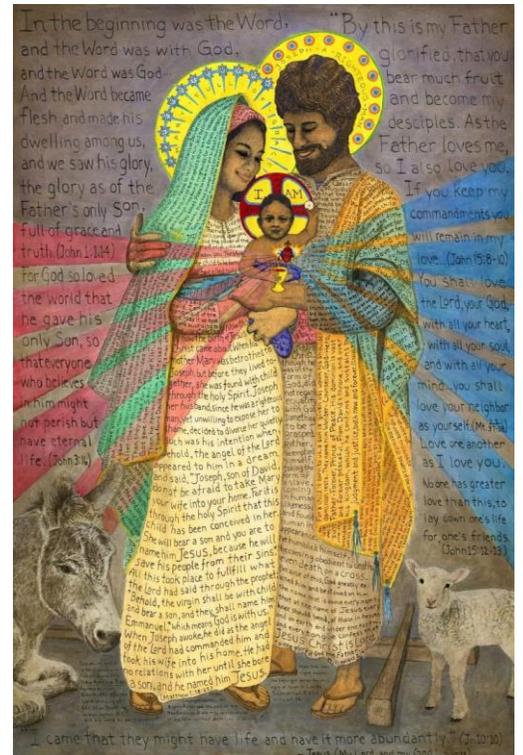
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given:

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Refrain



FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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

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!

SECOND LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

CAROL: "Away in a Manger"

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

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.

THIRD LESSON: Luke 2:8-16

CAROL: "Joy to the World"

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.

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.

FOURTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

CAROL: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star

Refrain: O Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!
Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All who humbly put their trust in Jesus Christ are welcome
and invited to participate in the sacrament regardless of church affiliation.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SPECIAL MUSIC "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" arr. Roberts

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE LIGHT

In the beginning and in the midst of darkness, God spoke:

Let there be light.

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

**We are here to seek light by which we can see, by which we can live,
by which we can love.**

We need to know that we are part of something greater than the flicker of our own little candles.

**So we light our candles, in gratitude for the love and light that shine through
the baby born in Bethlehem who became the Redeemer of us all.**

May we be so courageous as to share the love of God with a world longing for light and hope, purpose, and love.

Let there be light!

light Glow Sticks and hold them up while singing

CAROL: "Silent Night"

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 angel let us sing
Alleluia to our king: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

FIFTH LESSON: John 1 (selected verses)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Still, Still, Still"

arr. Cherwien