



# CHRISTMAS EVE

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES  
MUSICIANS: HANNAH MILLER, MATT KINNELL, MARK SCHELL  
READERS: JOY BRANAN, BEN RIFFELL  
\* PLEASE STAND

Silent Night! Holy Night! (Hymnal 147) arr. Joel Raney  
O Holy Night! (Hymnal 148) arr. Marilynn Ham  
Hannah Miller & Mark Schell, piano

## CALL TO WORSHIP / CHRIST CANDLE

Jennifer Fairbairn and Trey Fairbairn

## WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Dwight Winter

## OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

John 1:1-5  
Luke 2:7

### \*CAROL

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east, beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

## O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

Isaiah 7:14  
Luke 2:7

### CAROL

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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, goodwill to men, From heav'n's all gracious King!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

Still thru the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world:  
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow,  
Look now! For glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever circling years Shall come the time foretold,  
When the new Heav'n and earth shall own the Prince of Peace their King,  
And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.

## PRAYER

Caitlin Gothay

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

## THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE

John 1:9-14

### \*CAROL

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along th' unbroken song  
of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men"

Yet pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men."

Then ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day—  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

## WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Pastor Dwight Winter

Matthew 1:18-25

## MUSIC MINISTRY

What Child Is This?  
Kevin Ezell, soloist

## POEM

The Manger Throne

William Chatterton Dix

## HOLY COMMUNION & CANDLE LIGHTING

### 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, 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 angels let us sing, "Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

**\*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 Heav'n, and Heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

**\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

Pastor Dwight

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (Hymnal 133) arr. Joel Rane  
Hannah Miller & Mark Schell, piano duet



**OFFERINGS**

Financial offerings may be placed in the gold boxes,  
just outside the sanctuary doors.

As you exit, please deposit candles and holders  
in the receptacles provided in the foyer.

Please take a chocolate bar - available in the foyer - as the  
church's Christmas gift to you.

May you and yours have a blessed Christmas!

**Worship Schedule**

**December 26**

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship

No children's Sunday school classes, YBFs, or ABFs

No 6:00 p.m. worship

**January 2**

**WILMORE**  
FREE METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE, 2021  
SING IN EXULTATION!  
11:00 P.M.