



**Order of Worship
Christmas Eve Worship Service
December 24, 2020 - 5:00pm**

A Word to the Viewer

The scenes that are portrayed in the worship service may appear as if they were filmed with actors in close proximity to one another. However, you may rest assured that all social distancing and safety protocols were followed. Realistic scenes were achieved through the wonders of video editing. Please enjoy the service and Merry Christmas!

Announcement

Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

On this holiest of nights, we come—
joining the shepherds
who are stunned by wonder.

On this silent night, we come—
our hopes and dreams
joining those of Mary and Joseph.

On this night of carols and candlelight, we come—
our glad songs joining
with the choirs of angels overhead.

Welcome, one and all!
Let us draw near to the manger of Bethlehem,
and hear once more the story of God coming to dwell with us
in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Prelude

Away in a Manger

Underwood/Smith

Angel Ringers & Clarendon Ringers
Fran Underwood, bell soloist

Introit

Christmas Lullaby Calypso

Donnelly/Strid

Youth and Children's Choirs

Hymn	It Came Upon a Midnight Clear Audrey Smith, Lisa Gibbs-Smith, vocalists	UMH 218
Reading	The Angel Gabriel Appears to Mary	Sam Brown
Solo	Be Born in Me Lauren Smith, soloist, Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano	Herms/Nordeman
Hymn	O Little Town of Bethlehem Verses 1 & 4 Sean and Nilse Gilliam, vocalists	UMH 230
Reading	Joseph and Mary enter Bethlehem	James London
Anthem	Knock, Knock, Knock Cherub Choir	Traditional
Instrumental	Gesu Bambino Mae Seward, cello, Ellsie Seward, violin	arr. Conley
Hymn	Away in a Manger Lisa Gibbs-Smith, vocalist	UMH 217
Reading	Jesus Is Born	Hannah Parker
Liturgical Dance	Joseph's Lullaby Children's Choir Sean Gilliam, soloist	Millard/Bannister
Hymn	Angels We Have Heard on High Verses 1 & 2 Audrey Smith, Lauren Smith, Lisa Gibbs-Smith, vocalists	UMH 238
Reading	Angels Appear to the Shepherds	Campbell Petersen
Hymn	We Three Kings James, Andrew and Evan London, vocalists	UMH 254
Reading	The Visit of the Magi	Joanne Cheng
Anthem	Now the Holly Bears a Berry Welsey Ringers	arr. Krug

Offering Testimony

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Anthem

Night of Silence
Youth Choir & Alumni

Kantor/arr. Ferguson

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rusty Smith

Messiah. King. Savior. Emmanuel. Word made flesh. Light of the world. Lord. We know Jesus by all these names and many others. We light the Christ candle in celebration of his birth, and of the hope, joy, love, and peace he brings to us and to the whole world. No one has ever seen God, but in Jesus Christ God is made known.

Spreading the Light of Christ

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Arise, Shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!

*You are invited to light your candles at home
as we symbolically pass the light of Christ to each other...*

Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night

UMH 239

Silent Prayer

Benediction

Go now in wonder.
Go to bring light to those in darkness,
joy to those who can find no joy,
blessing to an anxious world.
Go with the songs of angels in your ears,
and the love of God in your hearts.
Go and spread the word—
the babe of Bethlehem is born for all.

Hymn

Joy to the World
Denny Edelbrock and Rusty Smith, trumpet

UMH 246

Mary: Kelly Melnick
Joseph: Michael Ferguson
Baby Jesus: Emerson Koenig
Gabriel: Lauren Smith
Innkeeper: Lydia Grotos
Star of Bethlehem: Emery Parker
Shepherds: Sam Brown, Jasper Dennis, Abby Ferguson, Sarah Gibbs, Caroline Grotos, James London, Connor Moore
Sheep: Theo Melnick, Campbell Petersen
Cow: Maggie Moore
Donkey: Dakota Bannach
Animal actors: Leo London, Pepper Melnick
Magi: Charlotte Dennis, Elijah Gilliam, Sadie Kerby
Production Assistant: Kate Lanman

Many thanks to Jennifer London, Catie Christiaanse, Cortney Miller, David Fischer and the Dowling family for their help!

As this extraordinarily difficult year draws to a close, we are aware that the needs around us are only increasing. In that light, we have decided to dedicate our annual Christmas special offering to one local helping agency: Arlington Thrive.

You are invited to make your special Christmas offering online by going to <https://clarendon.churchcenter.com/giving> or by mailing a check to the church with "Christmas Offering" in the memo line. Thank you!

Video Production: Lisa Smith, Mark Fraizer, Fran Underwood
Editor: Sean Gilliam
Bulletin Production: Tanya Sabin

The Call to Worship is from Rev. Thom Shuman's *Lectionary Liturgies*. Posted on LiturgyLink. <http://www.liturgylink.net>

218 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo-ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,

from an - gels bend-ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;

"Peace on the earth, good will to men,* from heaven's all-gracious King."
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains, they bend on hov-ering wing,

The world in sol - emn still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its Ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an - gels sing.

*"all" may be substituted

230 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Away in a Manger

217

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray;

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

238 Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An-gels we have heard on high sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav-en - ly song?

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a,

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - -

ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

WORDS: Trad. French carol; trans. *Crown of Jesus*, 1862, alt. (Lk. 2:6-20)
 MUSIC: French carol melody; arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937;
 harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

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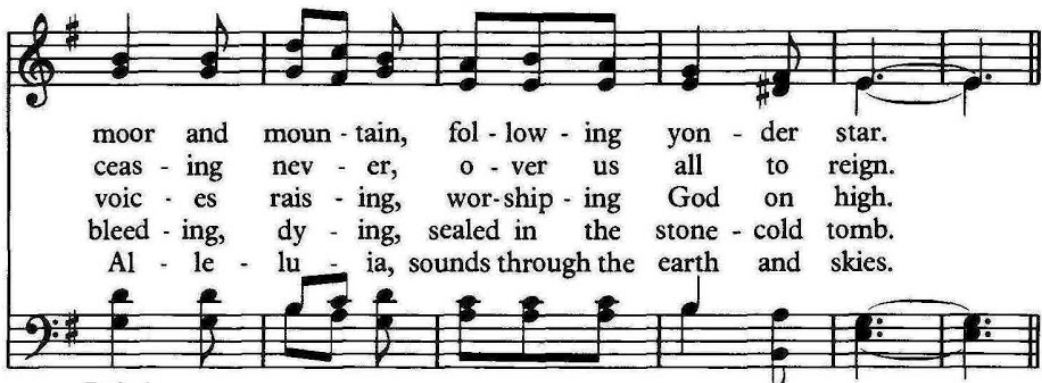
We Three Kings



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; King and

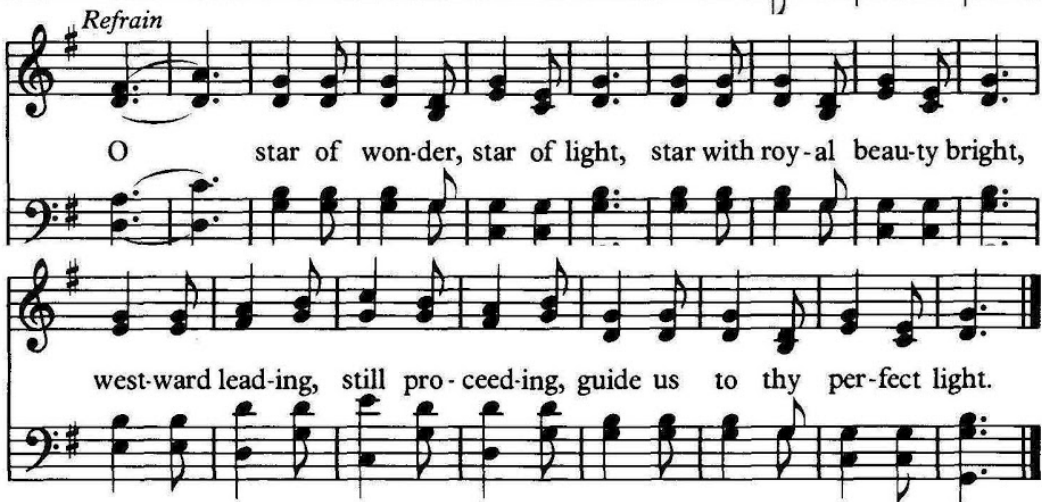


gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
God and sac - ri - fice: Al - le - lu - ia,



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain



O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,
west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

Silent Night, Holy Night

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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 1. *Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, ein - sam wacht*
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep-herds quake at the sight;
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light;
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, won-drous star, lend thy light;



round yon vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly in-fant, so ten-der and mild,
nur das trau-te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar, Hold-er Kna-be mit lock-i-gem Haar,
 glo-ries stream from heav-en a-far, heav-en-ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!
 ra-diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 with the an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;



sleep in heav - en - ly peace,	sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
<i>schlaf im himm - li - scher Ruh,</i>	<i>schlaf im himm - li - scher Ruh.</i>
Christ the Sav - ior is born,	Christ the Sav - ior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth,	Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
Christ the Sav - ior is born,	Christ the Sav - ior is born!



WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818, alt.; sts. 1, 2, 3 trans. by John F. Young;
 st. 4 trans. anon. (Lk. 2:6-20)
 MUSIC: Franz Gruber, 1818

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Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns!
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow,
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

Let earth re - ceive her King; let
 Let all their songs em - ploy; while
 nor thorns in - fest the ground; he
 and makes the na - tions prove the

ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 comes to make his bless - ings flow
 glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

BIRTH AND BAPTISM

and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 far as the curse is found, far
 and won - ders of his love, and

and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his

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 as, far as the curse is found.
 won - ders, won - ders of his love.

sing,
 joy,
 found,
 love,