

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2018, 9:00 pm

PRELUDES music of Bach and Handel

PROCESSIONAL "Lullay" Polish Carol

OPENING WORDS Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

INTROIT "Lo, How a Rose" M. Praetorius

READING Luke 2: 1-7 Rev. Shelly Thompson

MUSIC "Lullay Thou Infant" Gustav Holst

READING Luke 2: 8-20 Margalie Belizaire

MUSIC "Angels We Have Heard" (Bell Ensemble) Trad. French
CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"(over)

READING "Winter Solstice" (Rebecca Parker) Matthew Leonard

MUSIC "And the Glory of the Lord" G.F. Handel

READING "Noel" (Anne Porter) Cheryl Dixon Paul

MUSIC "There Was a Young Child" William Billings

READING "Christmas With Us Always" (Ericson) Rev. Jim Francek

OFFERING " Mary Had a Baby" Spiritual

HOMILY "In Search of a Home" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "Silent Night" (over)

BENEDICTION Rev. Morehouse

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (over)

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Thanks to members of the Christmas Eve Choir

THE BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON TO EVERYONE!

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

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, goodwill to men from heav'n's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurl'd,
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.
3. For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

SILENT NIGHT

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,
Heavenly 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.

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"
2. Christ by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord.
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell; Jesus our Immanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"
3. Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"