

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2020, 9:00 pm

OPENING WORDS

Rev. John Morehouse

INTROIT “Lo, How a Rose” (Praetorius)

Quartets

READING Luke 2: 1-7

Kim Warman

MUSIC “In the Bleak Midwinter” (Holst)

Hazel Foley

READING Luke 2: 8-20

D.J. Flam

MUSIC “Pastoral” (Vaughan Williams)

Mike Costantino

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL “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. 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!

READING “The Road Home” (Ericson)

Candace Clinger

MUSIC “Candlelight Carol” (Rutter)

Women’s Septet

READING “Winter Solstice” (Parker)

Rev. Jim Francek

MUSIC “I Saw Three Ships” arr. Radcliffe

Bell Choir

READING “The Moment of Magic’ (Victoria Safford)

Linda Hudson

OFFERING “God Bless Us Everyone” (Ballard/Silvestri)

Paige Steele

HOMILY “Joy Will Find Us”

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL “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.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Morehouse

CONCLUDING MUSIC “Rise Up Shepherd”

Chris Beaurline

THE BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON TO EVERYONE!