



December 17, 2023

Evening Service

6:00 PM

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Hymn 194)
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (Hymn 221)
From the Realms of Glory!

arr. R. Boud
arr. Alex-Zsolt
P. Roszell

WELCOME

Rev. Collins

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 203 *

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

INVOCATION *

CAROL SING

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (Hymn 223, stanzas 1-4 & 6)

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.
2. "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread, had seized their troubled mind, "Glad tidings of great joy I bring, to you and all mankind, to you and all mankind.
3. "To you, in David's town this day, is born, of David's line, the Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:
4. "The heav'nly babe you there shall find, to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid, and in a manger laid.
5. "All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace. Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men, begin and never cease, begin and never cease!"

Away in a Manger (Hymn 204)

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay; the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus—no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. 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.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (Hymn 216)

1. Infant holy, Infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ, the babe, is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ, the babe, is Lord of all. Christ, the babe, is Lord of all!
2. Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new, saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ, the babe, was born for you. Christ, the babe, was born for you!

MUSICAL OFFERING

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

arr. C. Wood

Ding dong, merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing: ding dong, verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!* E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, and io, io, io, by priest and people sungen...Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; may you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers...

Vocal Quartet

CAROL SING

O Holy Night!

1. *Soloist:* O holy night! The stars are brightly shining; it is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope—the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
All: Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O holy night, O night divine.
2. *Soloist:* Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend.
All: He knows our need—to our weakness is no stranger. Behold your King, before him lowly bend! Behold your King, before him lowly bend!
3. *Soloist:* Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; let all within us praise his holy name.
All: Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim! His power and glory evermore proclaim!

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Hymn 224)

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

1. While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light. *(Refrain)*
2. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo above the earth, rang out the angel chorus, that hailed the Savior's birth. *(Refrain)*
3. Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation, that blessed Christmas morn. *(Refrain)*

The First Noel (please stand and sing)

1. 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.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,

Born is the King of Israel.

2. 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. *(Refrain)*
3. And by the light of that same star, three Wise Men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star where'er it went. *(Refrain)*
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. *(Refrain)*
5. Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon their knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. *(Refrain)*
6. Then let us all with one accord, sing praises to our heav'nly Lord, that hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with his blood mankind hath bought. *(Refrain)*

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 23:1–6

SERMON

The Good Shepherd

Rev. Matt Collins

HYMN 201 *

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *

POSTLUDE

At the Evening Service:

Pianist: Darwin Beale

Orchestra: Frank Dodd, *director*

Vocal Quarter: Elsa Rogers, Bethany Hardin, Ethan Goss, Floyd Rawleigh

For most Sunday evening offerings, we will simply have a plate available on a stand at the back of the sanctuary. Please include a Connect Card if you were not here in the morning.

Christmas Eve Service Times

8 & 11 AM services, **no Sunday school classes**

6 PM (prelude begins at 5:40) *tableaux, childcare available*

10 PM (prelude begins at 9:30) *candle lighting service*



Worship: 8 AM & 11 AM, 6 PM Sunday School: 9:30 AM

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