



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2020

Lessons and Carols

Celebrating the Birth of Christ

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Prelude

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Pastor Tommy Lee

***O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God, begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-14; 9:2-7

The Messiah will be born of a virgin

Bill & Jan Walker

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come Thou Rod of Jesse, free, Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come thou Key of David come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Second Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel greets the virgin Mary

Geoff & Marilyn Davies

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark street shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

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, good will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King:"
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through 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 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 give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Fourth Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

Larry & Jean Colquitt

The shepherds are sent by an angel to Jesus

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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."

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 men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

Hail the heav'n-born 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."

Fifth Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11

John & Annah Joseph

The wise men are led by a star to Jesus

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 nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow; nor thorns infest the ground,
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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

Homily

Pastor Tommy Lee

Lighting of the Candles

***Silent Night! Holy 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.

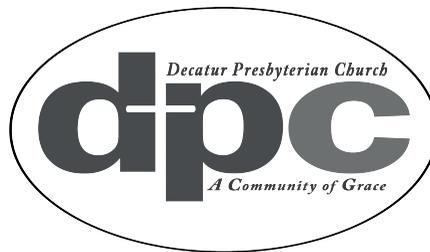
Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly host sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior, is born! Christ the Savior is born!

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!

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.

The Lessons and Carols we have heard and sung tonight announce the greatest news of all: Jesus Christ, the God-Man, died for our sins and was raised from the dead, and is a gracious and mighty Redeemer. This is the constant theme of our life together as a church, and we invite you to join us for worship Sunday mornings, or in small groups throughout the week, as we seek to “adore him, Christ the Lord.”





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