

CHRISTMAS EVE
ST. THOMAS REFORMED CHURCH
DEC 24, 2020



7:00 P.M.

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**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;**

Chorus

Scripture Reading **Luke 1: 26-38** Jessica Henderson

Solo **“Mary, Did You Know?”** *Lowry/Greene*
Penny Woods

Meditation **“The Bare Necessities!”**

Carol **‘The First Noel’** *Traditional*

**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**

Chorus

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel**

**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 (*chorus*)**

Scripture Reading **Matthew 1: 18-23** Nashibo Benjamin

Solo **“Maria Wiegenlied (Mary’s Lullaby)”** *Reger*
Laura Strickland

Meditation

“All of Us!”

Song

“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”

Traditional

Grace King, Anna Neevel, D.J. Parson

Scripture Reading

Luke 2: 1-7

Sandy Smith

Meditation

“A Weary World Rejoices!”

Solo

“The Night That Christ Was Born”

Franklin

Dr. Ronald Nimmo

Scripture Reading

Luke 2: 8-20

Kenny Covert

Carol

‘Angels We Have Heard On High’

Traditional

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o’er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Chorus

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ, who comes in lowly birth
Come adore on bended knee
Jesus, joy of heaven and earth (*chorus*)

Meditation

“Feels Like Christmas!”

Choral Anthem

“Run to the Manger”

Peterson

STRC Virtual Choir

Christmas Eve Offering

Offertory

“Gesu Bambino”

Yon

Laura Strickland

(The offering tonight will benefit Middle Collegiate Church in Manhattan, a historic sister church in our Classis that was recently destroyed by fire.)

Scripture Reading

John 1: 1-5, 10-14

Gabriel Villegas

Christmas Eve Prayer

Solo

“O Holy Night”

Adam/Dwight

Pastor Jeff Neevel

The Lighting of Candles

Carol

‘Silent Night’

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Sarah Hancock, ASL

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,

Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia

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

A Time of Silence

Carol

‘Joy to the World’

ANTIOCH

Michael Barr, trumpet

**Joy to The world! the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing (2x)
And heaven and heaven and nature sings**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy (2x)
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy**

**He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love(2x)
And wonders, and wonders of His love**

Postlude

“Carillon-Sortie”

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The offering tonight benefits Middle Collegiate Church in New York City. STRC and Middle Collegiate Church are in the same classis. Middle is the oldest congregation of the Collegiate Churches of New York, organized in 1628. (So it is 32 years older than us!) The sanctuary at 7th Street and 2nd Avenue was built in 1892, received a major renovation in the late 1990s, and further updates in the 2010s. The sanctuary housed a collection of more than a dozen Tiffany windows and the social hall featured a large Tiffany skylight dome.

The bell tower was the home to New York’s Liberty Bell, which rang in the birth of our country on July 9, 1776. It has rung for the inauguration and death of every American President. It also rang during momentous New York City events, including the

Thank You

The music for this evening's service is a gift to all of us. We extend a grateful thank you to our Minister of Music and Arts, Chanelle Schaffer, and guest organist Kenneth Dake as well as a warm thanks to all of the members of the virtual choir and other musicians who give many hours of time in preparation for making this night joyful for all.

Minister of Music and Arts: Chanelle Schaffer

Guest Organist: Kenneth Dake, Director of Music, Marble Collegiate Church

Trumpet: Michael Barr

Soloists: Dr. Ronald Nimmo, D.J. Parson, Laura Strickling, Penny Woods

Children: Grace King, Anna Neevel, D.J. Parson

Virtual Choir: Joy Aird, Geoffrey Barnard, Amy & David Himes, William Howe, Andrea Lee, Dr. Steven Mange, Tama McConnell, Andrew & Sara Neevel, Fred & Julie Northup, Jeff Smith, Judy Spurrell, Bonnie Troutman, Penny Woods

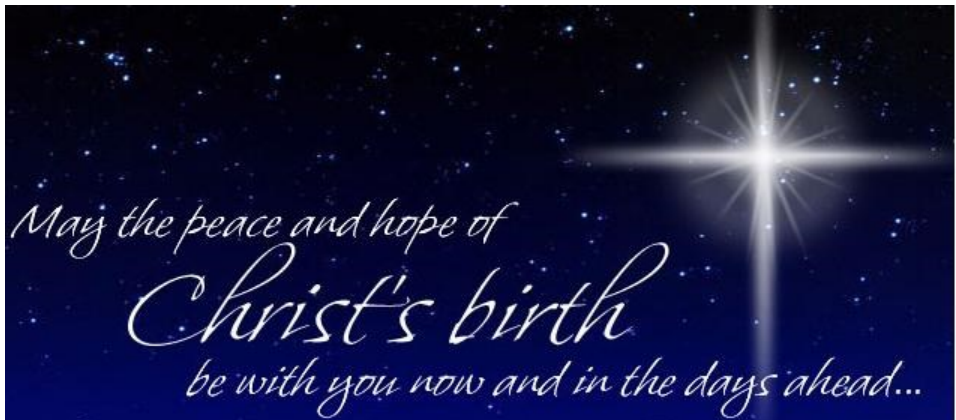
Thank you to others making this service possible

Livestream: James Anderson, James Cobb, Andrea King, Lucy Sutton

Acolyte: Anna Neevel

Scripture Readings: Tom Bolt, Jessica Henderson, Nashibo Benjamin, Sandy Smith, Kenny Covert, Gabriel Villegas

Signer: Sarah Hancock



Welcome and thank you for joining our St. Thomas Reformed Church family as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. You are invited to become part of our congregation as we worship virtually every Sunday at 10 am AST. Keep track of STRC events by downloading the STRC APP free from iTunes and Google Play or go to www.strchurch.org or like us on Facebook.

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As you enjoy the service at home reflecting and giving praise, watching from afar the beautiful Sanctuary on this special evening, our heartfelt gratitude goes to Felipe Ayala, Desiree Francis and CJ Oleari for all their hard work decorating for this season. Special thanks to Daniel, Neisha and Tyler Yannone for the gift of our Christmas tree.

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Merry Christmas