



Merry Christmas Eve!

Threshold

Advent bells

Prelude

Breath of Heaven - Grant and Eaton

Michele Patee

The music of the Prelude begins the worship experience. The time of sharing and fellowship comes to an end, and we enter into a time of quiet, prayerful reflection. We invite you to sit quietly and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the notes of the music at this time.

Welcome

Hymn

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

No.240

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Christ, by highest heaven 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 with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

Call to Worship

L: We receive the wonder of this holy night.

ALL: to us, watchful and waiting, a gift has been slipped into our midst - a tiny child, born in a manger.

L: A gift of peace to troubled souls and dangerous streets.

ALL: A gift of joy to sad hearts and cautious lives.

L: A gift of hope to wearied brows and oppressed peoples.

ALL: Holy One, open our hearts to receive, our hands to care, and our voices to praise on this most holy and glorious day. AMEN.



Advent Candles

Reading One: Jesus 'birth

All the Candles & Christ Candle

Luke 2:1-7

The Braun Family

Sue Braun

Homiletical Reflection

Room in the Inn of our Hearts

Rev.Lisa McColgan

Hymn

Away in a Manger

No.217

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.

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.

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.

Christmas Offering

Reading Two: Announcement to Shepherds **Luke 2:8-14**

Jenn Bissell

Homiletical Reflection

Suddenly there were Angels

Rev.Lisa McColgan

Hymn

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (vs 1, 6)

No.236

Verse 1

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

Verse 6

All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.



Closing Benediction
Closing Hymn to Candlelight
(239 Silent Night - Insert)



Silent Night

<p>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.</p> <p>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!</p>	<p>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!</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><i>Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!</i></p> <p>1. Alles schläft, einsam wacht nur das traute hochheilige Paar, Holder Knabe mit lockigem Haar, schlaf im himmlischer Ruh, schlaf im himmlischer Ruh.</p> <p>2. Hirten erst, ungemach, von der Ehr' ein heller Pracht, Schöne Engel, „Halleluja“, Gott, der Heiland, ist da, Christ, der Retter ist da! Christ, der Retter ist da!</p>
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Christmas Blessings!

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