

SHALLOWFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Children's
Christmas
Celebration*

2018 Christmas Eve Service
4:00 pm, Sanctuary

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4:00 pm, December 24, 2018

PRELUDE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Dr. Wooyoung Kwon, piano

arr. D. Torrans

INTROIT

Somebody's Talkin' 'Bout Jesus

Hutson Moore & Whalen Pfister, soloists

Dr. Wooyoung Kwon, piano

Trinity & Westminster Choir Ensemble

arr. Terry D. Taylor

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Angels were the first to sing,

All: O come let us adore him.

One: The shepherds ran and soon agreed,

All: O come let us adore him.

One: The kings brought gifts and bowed to say,

All: O come let us adore him.

One: And now we join the happy refrain:

All: O come let us adore him.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

God of Love, on this very special night, you welcome us into your house. In our excitement, quiet our hearts and minds. Open our ears to hear your amazing story. Invite us into the wonder of your presence. Teach us about all the Good News you bring. And fill us with the light of Christ for all the world to see. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Pastorale on "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Dr. Wooyoung Kwon, piano

–J. Barr

Tonight's offering is the Christmas Joy Offering, which supports education at Presbyterian racial-ethnic schools and colleges and helps pastors, missionaries, and church workers in special need through the Board of Pensions Assistance Program. Because Christmas is a time for celebrating the arrival of "the true light" (John 1:9), the PC(USA) provides this opportunity for congregations to extend light and life to our neighbors in need.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Children will be invited forward during the story, according to the costume they chose.

INTRODUCTION

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!

The Angel Visits Joseph in a Dream (Matthew 1:20b-23)

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Aubrey Reimer verses, Congregation chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-4)

SOLO: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Macy Small

Baby Jesus is Born (Luke 2:6-7)

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The Animals Greet Baby Jesus

SOLO: JESUS, OUR BROTHER, STRONG AND GOOD

Gabriel McDonald

The Angels Appear to the Shepherds (Luke 2:8-14)

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Mary Jury verses, Congregation chorus

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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The Shepherds Visit Baby Jesus (Luke 2:15-19)

THE FIRST NOWELL

Elizabeth Hankla & Maddy Pollette verses, Congregation chorus

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

The Magi Visit Baby Jesus (Matthew 2:2-12)

SOLO: WE THREE KINGS

Judah Thomas, Hutson Moore, & Daniel Garcia verses, Congregation chorus

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

In the Beginning Was the Word (John 1:1-5)

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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 the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

REJOICE! EMMANUEL HAS COME

REFLECTION

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS

On the first Christmas Day,
From the Father above,
Came the little Lord Jesus,
To show us God's love.

Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you,
Happy Birthday, dear Jesus,
Happy birthday to you.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SHARING OF THE LIGHT & SILENT 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.



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