

SHALLOWFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CHRISTMAS EVE

A Thrill of Hope

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
7:00 PM SANCTUARY

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023

7:00 p.m.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Carol
Jinhee Kim, organ

Craig Phillips

GATHERING WORDS AND GREETING

Rev. Anna George Traynham

*HYMN NO. 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

On Christmas Eve, we sing with the angels:

Glory to God! Christ is born.

We watch with the shepherds:

A star is rising! Christ is born.

We celebrate with Mary and Joseph:

The newborn king is here! Christ is born.

A thrill of hope ignites our hearts.

Joy to the world! Christ is born.

Tucker Phillips, youth elder

Christian Thomas

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Landon Dillard

ANTHEM

Night of Silence
Chapel Choir

arr. J. Ferguson

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

Rev. Bradley Kibler

ANTHEM

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Chapel Choir

D. Allen

SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM

Mary's Magnificat
Chancel Choir Leslie Hamilton, soprano

Andrew Carter

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

*HYMN NO. 117

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

WINCHESTER OLD

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:15-20

**Those who are able, please stand*

ANTHEM

Torches
Chancel Choir

John Joubert

HOMILY

Rev. Anna George Traynham

HYMN NO. 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Congregation sings verses 1, 2 & 4. Choir sings verse 3.

ST. LOUIS
GREEN STREET

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Stars Are for Those Who Lift Their Eyes
Chapel Choir Treble Ensemble

Pauline Delmonte

ANTHEM

Away in a Manger
Combined Choirs

arr. Mack Wilberg

PRESENTATION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Isabelle Coursey and Owen Dewitt
(Chapel Choir Co-Presidents)

HYMN NO. 122

Silent Night
(all verses)

STILLE NACHT

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***HYMN NO. 119**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sonata XIII for Brass & Organ
Jinhee Kim, organ Brass Ensemble

Giovanni Gabrieli

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Worship Staff

Rev. Anna George Traynham, Senior Pastor
Rev. Bradley Kibler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Vitality
Rev. Landon Dillard, Associate Pastor for Programs & Children's Ministry
William Fred Scott, Interim Director of Music Ministries
Anne Thomas, Interim Director of Chapel Choir
Jinhee Kim, Organist & Assistant Director of Music Ministries

Thank you to the following individuals for participating in this Christmas Eve service.

Trumpet - Joe Johnson, Lee King **Horn** - Joshua Williams
Trombone - Dwight Davis, David Fairchild **Timpani** - Scott Pollard

Silent Night

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.**

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!"**

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.**

4.

**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.**

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O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

117 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

1 While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all
 2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had
 3 "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is
 4 "The heaven - ly babe you there shall find to

seat - ed on the ground, the an - gel of the
 seized their trou - bled mind: "Glad ti - dings of great
 born of Da - vid's line the Sav - ior, who is
 hu - man view dis - played, all hum - bly wrapped in

Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 joy I bring to you and hu - man - kind.
 Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:
 swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."

- 5 Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
 appeared a shining throng
 of angels praising God, who thus
 addressed their joyful song:
- 6 "All glory be to God on high,
 and to the earth be peace;
 good will to all from highest heaven
 begin and never cease!"

This was one of the first metrical texts to deal with a New Testament narrative rather than paraphrase one of the Psalms. It is set here to a psalm tune that is more than a century older than the words, though the two were not firmly joined until the mid-19th century.

121 O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!



Though he was famed during his lifetime as a great preacher, no sermon Phillips Brooks ever preached has been heard or read by as many people as have sung this carol he wrote in December 1868 for the Sunday School children of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hark! The herald angels sing." It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are: "Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, 'Glo - ry to the new-born king!'". The music ends with a double bar line.