



Candlelight Family Worship

December 24, 2022

3:30 & 5:00 pm

Gathering Music

Carols of Christmas

Words of Welcome

Processional Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful (stanzas 1-3)

No. 283

Responsive Reading

Leader: The light shines in the darkness,

People: And the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

People: And we have beheld Christ's glory.

Leader: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

People: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Carol (3:30)

Away in a Manger

No. 277

Anthem (5:30)

The First Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12:2-6)

Jack N. White

Congregation joins on 2nd refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol

Go Tell It on the Mountain

No. 290

The Nativity

Luke 1: 26-31, Luke 2: 1, 3-7, 8-13, 15-17, Matthew 2:1-2, 9, 11-12
Illustrations by Julie Vivas (Clarion Books/Harper Collins LLC)

Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 289

Children's Sermon Pastor Ian McConnell (3:30)
Pastor Paul Pettersen (5:30)

Carol *Joy To The World* No. 267

Offering

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Music at Offering *3:30 Cherub Choir*
5:00 Boys & Girls Choir

Christmas Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Passing of the Light

Ushers will light the candle of each worshipper nearest the aisle. When lighting your candle from your neighbor, tip the unlit candle in the flame.

Carol *Silent Night, Holy Night!* No. 281

Blessing

Sending Music *In Dulci Jubilo* (In sweet Rejoicing) J.S. Bach

The Nativity of Our Lord

Luke 1: 26-31

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

Luke 2: 1, 3-7, 8-13, 15-17

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;

Matthew 2:1-2, 9, 11-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.