

Feast of Lights

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



Featuring

the choirs of Belmont with orchestra

Gayle Sullivan, Director; Robbie Jones, Organist

December

11, 2022

6:00 PM

Belmont United Methodist Church, 2007 Acklen Ave., Nashville, TN 37212

Welcome

Prelude

Cold December Flies Away

Catalonian carol, arr. Douglas R. Boyer

Pieds-en-l'air from Capriol Suite

Peter Warlock

What Child Is This

16th century English, arr. Cathy Moglebust

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #250

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Soloist: Katie Jane Bruehl (stanza 1)

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed;
Mary, loving mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

† *Please stand and join in singing.*

**He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly
lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**Jesus is our childhood's pattern;
day by day, like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.**



Opening Prayer

God of Isaiah and Jeremiah, you break into our fearful world with news of joy and gladness.
Give light to all who sit in darkness, and guide our feet into the way of peace.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

God of Mary, you know the fears of your people. Lift up the lowly, especially those who are sick,
those who mourn, those who are hungry, and all in need of your care.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

God of Joseph, your message calls us to let go of our fears and place our trust in you. Sustain
us in your hope as we await our Savior's birth.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

God of all creation, you name us as your precious and chosen people and redeem us through
Christ. Take hold of our hearts and shine your love through our lives.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!¹

First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foretold.

Carol

O Nata Lux

From Lux Aeterna, Morten Lauridsen

*O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis.
Nos membra confer effici,
tui beati corporis.*

O born light of light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
mercifully deem worthy and accept
the praises and prayers of your supplicants.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost ones,
grant us to be made members
of your holy body.

Second Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A branch from David's line will be raised up to bring about justice and righteousness.



Carol

Advent Blessing

Words and Music: Kris Crunk

Bless all you sons and daughters
who await the coming Child;
the only Son, the Promised One,
who comes to us, born in a stable.

Bless all the children of the light,
with their brilliant faces.
Lift high your candles, show the night
that Christ overcomes the darkness.

Alleluia, Alleluia.
The light of Light overshadows.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Brighter than the things of earth,
Son of God, humble birth.

Bless all who worship in this place,
the coming breath of heaven.
The One whose life and death
becomes salvation to the nations.

Alleluia, Alleluia.
The light of Light overshadows.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Brighter than the things of earth,
Son of God, humble birth.
Alleluia.

Third Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel appears to the Virgin Mary.



Congregational Hymn

Hymnal #216

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (stanzas 1-2)

ES IST EIN ROS

† Please stand and join in singing.

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
as those of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior
when half spent was the night.

Carol

Blessed Be That Maid Mary
Sangeetha Ekambaram, soloist

15th century English / Stephen Main

Blessed be that maid Mary,
born he was of her body,
very God e'er time began,
born in time the Son of Man.

Refrain:

*Eya, eya, eya*¹

*Jesu hodie natus est de virgine.*²

O Jesu, be born in us today.

Sweet and blissful was the song
chanted of the angel throng:
"Peace on earth,
alleluya, in excelsis gloria."³ (*Refrain*)

In a manger of an ass,
Jesu lay and lullèd was;
born to die upon a tree,
*pro peccante homine.*⁴ (*Refrain*)

Make we merry on this fest,
*in quo Christus natus est.*⁵
On this Child I pray you call,
to assoil⁶ and save us all. (*Refrain*)

Notes

¹indeed, surely

²Jesus today is born of a virgin.

³Alleluia, glory in the highest.

⁴for the sin of humanity

⁵on which Christ was born

⁶absolve, pardon

Luke tells of Jesus' birth.

Carol

Fum, Fum, Fum

Traditional Catalanian, arr. Edward Henderson

On December twenty-fifth,
sing fum, fum, fum.
He is born of God's pure love, the Son of God;
he is born of Virgin Mary
in this night so cold and deary.
Fum, fum, fum.

Estrellitas de los cielos,
(Fum, fum, fum.)
que a Jesús miráis llorar
(Fum, fum, fum.)
y no lloráis, no lloráis, no lloráis,
alumbrad la noche oscura
con vuestra luz clara y pura.
(Fum, fum, fum.)

Shining stars from heav'n above,
sing fum, fum, fum.
Looking down where Jesus cries,
sing fum, fum, fum.
Oh, come rejoice, oh come rejoice, rejoice;
Come and light the night's obscureness
with your light and dazzling pureness.
Fum, fum, fum.

Congregational Hymn

Hymnal #224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

† *Please stand and join in singing.*

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and ye are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this!**



The angels and shepherds go to the manger.

Carols

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley / Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Pinkzebra

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 host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n 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 Emmanuel. (*Refrain*)

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris’n 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*)



Shepherds, Awake

Words and Music: Michael Jothan

Shepherds, awake, rise up this morn;
in Bethlehem a babe is born!
Shepherds, awake, rise up this morn;
in Bethlehem a babe is born!
Jesus is born! Emmanuel!
Emmanuel! Emmanuel!
Jesus is born! Emmanuel!

Shepherds, awake, rise up this morn;
go and see this babe who's born!
Shepherds, awake, rise up this morn;
go and see this babe who's born!
Jesus is born! Emmanuel!
Emmanuel! Emmanuel!
Jesus is born! Emmanuel!

Mary, Mary, watching o'er the baby;
sleep, Emmanuel.
Cattle lowing 'round the manger;
sleep, Emmanuel.
Sleep, tiny baby, Wise Men are coming,
coming with praise from afar.
Sleep, tiny baby, praise they will sing you
led by a shining star.

Shepherds, awake, rise up this morn;
the Son of man to us is born!
Shepherds, awake, rise up this morn;
the Son of man to us is born!
Jesus is born! Emmanuel!
Emmanuel! Emmanuel!
Jesus is born! Emmanuel!

Gloria

Traditional Latin hymn / Carole Stephens

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Domine Deus. Laudamus te.
Domine Deus. Gloria Gloria!

Glory to God in the highest!
Lord God. We praise thee.
Lord God. Glory!



*Noe! Noe!**

Shepherds, rise, look up and see
new light yonder breaking,
brighter than the noonday sun,
all your sheep awaking.
Wonder, whisper, “Ah, Noe!”
Christ is born this holy day!

Refrain:

He is come to you,
lowly shepherds, true!
He is come unto you,
Morning Star and New Day!
Wonder, whisper, “Ah, Noe!”

Shepherds, turn your eyes and see
in the manger, sleeping,
Prince of Peace and Heav’nly King,
in his mother’s keeping.
Worship him who brings Noe;
he who turns the night to day!

French carol, arr. Mack Wilberg

(Refrain)

Worship him who brings Noe!

Shepherds, look about and see
in the darkness pining
all God’s children long to hear
of the new Light shining.
Witness of the true Noe!
Share glad tidings of this day!

(Refrain)

Witness of the true Noe!

Shepherds, run to us and see
here we are awaiting thee.
let your voices ring for aye,
Christ is born! Noe!

* Noe means Christmas or yuletide.

Sixth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

The magi follow the star to Jesus.

Carols

Prayer to the Child Jesus

Words and Music: John Seagard

Dearest Jesus, holy child,
make a bed in my heart.
Star in heaven, shining o’er thee,
guiding kings to thee.
Now they bow to thee.

Dearest Jesus, holy child,
make a bed in my heart.
Star in heaven, shining o’er thee,
guide us all to thee.
Now we bow to thee.

Angels singing *gloria in excelsis Deo*.
Angels guard thee, Mary holds thee,
Love immortal, ever with thee,
in excelsis gloria.



Go Where I Send Thee!


Gospel Spiritual, arr. Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory

Children, go where I send thee!
Children, how shall I send thee?
I'm gonna send thee one by one,
one for the little bitty baby,
the baby boy, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee!
Children, how shall I send thee?
I'm gonna send thee two by two,
two for Paul and Silas;
one for the little bitty baby,
the baby boy, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee!
Children, how shall I send thee?
I'm gonna send thee six by six,
six for the days when the world was fixed;
five for the bread they did divide;
four for the Gospel writers;
three for the Hebrew children;
two for Paul and Silas;
one for the little bitty baby,
the baby boy, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee!
Children, how shall I send thee?
I'm gonna send thee twelve by twelve,
twelve for the twelve disciples;
eleven of 'em singin' in heaven;
ten for the Ten Commandments;
nine for the angel choirs divine;
eight for the eight the Flood couldn't take;
seven for the day God laid down his head;
six for the days when the world was fixed;
five for the bread they did divide;
four for the Gospel writers;
three for the Hebrew children;
two for Paul and Silas;
one for the little bitty baby,
one for the little bitty baby,
the baby boy, born in Bethlehem.



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The First Noel (stanzas 1-3)

Hymnal #245 / THE FIRST NOEL

† *Please stand and join in singing.*

**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.**

Refrain:

**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. (*Refrain*)**

**And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. (*Refrain*)**

Spreading the Light of Christ

Selected Scriptures

In Silent Night

Words and Music: Mitchell B. Southall

In silent night, when all is calm and all is bright,
in silent night, O holy night,
the Baby from heaven is born on this night.
The Child, innocent Child is born.
In silent night, as darkness flies and all is light,
in silent night, O holy night,
the Baby in radiance lay asleep on this night.
The Child, the holy Child is born.
In silent night, this Son of God who loves pure light
shall one day cry and later die
upon a cross for you and me.
The Child, the Prince of Peace, is born.
The Prince of Peace is born.



Congregational Hymns

Silent Night, Holy Night (stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

Hymnal #239, arr. Bob Chilcott

† *Sing in unison:*

**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.**

(Sanctuary Choir)

**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!**

(Unison)

**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!**

O Come, All Ye Faithful (stanzas 1, 3, and 6)

Hymnal #234 / ADESTE FIDELES

† *Please join in singing.*

**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;**

Refrain:

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *(Refrain)***

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *(Refrain)***



Sending Forth

May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

Amen.

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

Amen.

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

Amen.

And the blessing of almighty God, the creator, redeemer, and sustainer, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace. Christ is with you. ²





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“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” &
“Fum, Fum, Fum”:

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Mandolin: Ned Henry

“Shepherds, Awake”:

Flute: Kim Sheehan

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“Go Where I Send Thee”:

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10:30 AM

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