



# CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2022 • 11:00 PM

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11:00 p.m.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Prelude No. 1 in C Major" . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach  
*Lily Afshar, classical guitar*

ORGAN PRELUDE: Meditation on "O Little Town of Bethlehem" . . . . . Paul Fey  
*Leo Davis, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:  
"Largo ma non tanto" from *Concerto for Two Violins*. . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach  
*James Ryan and Tammy Holt, violin*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Dan Burns

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 90 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" . . . . . DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; tr. John M. Neale / Music: Plainsong Melody; arr. Charles W. Douglas / John 1:1, 14*

*Choir:*

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,  
Of the things that art, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore!

† *Congregation stands and sings:*

2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed,  
3. This is he whom heav'n - taught sing - ers  
4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him;

when the Vir - gin, full of grace,  
sang of old with one ac - cord,  
an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets  
all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him

bore the Sav - ior of our race;  
prom - ised in their faith - ful word;  
and ex - tol our God and King;

and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er,  
now he shines, the long - ex - spect - ed;  
let no tongue on earth be si - lent,

first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
let cre - a - tion praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

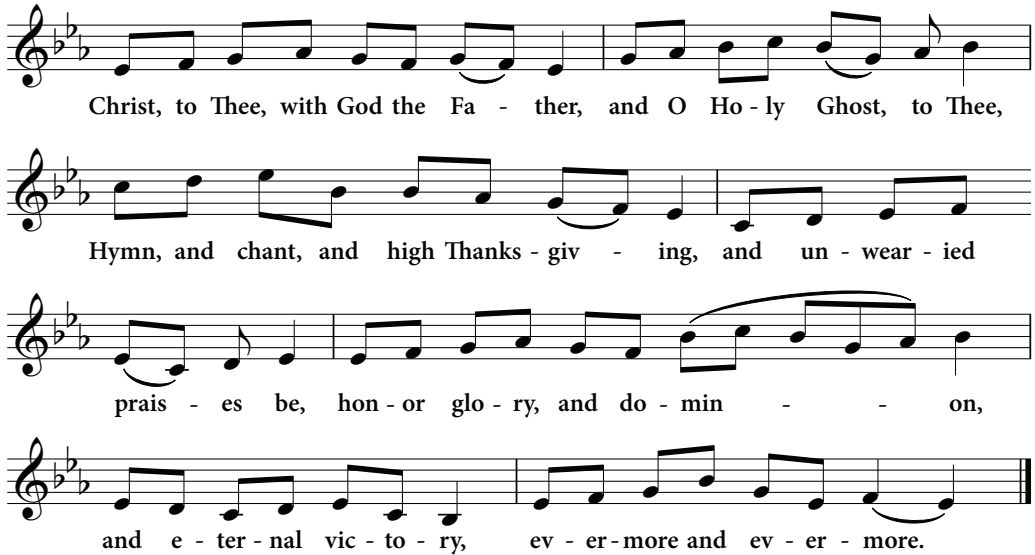
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE .....Christy and Keith Young

✦GOSPEL LESSON ..... John 1:1-14  
(page 886 in pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, and O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,  
Hymn, and chant, and high Thanks - giv - ing, and un - wear - ied  
prais - es be, hon - or glo - ry, and do - min - - on,  
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

✦INVOCATION

CHORAL MEDITATION: "O Magnum Mysterium" ..... Evan Ramos

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia  
Viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepe.  
O magnum mysterium. Amen.  
*O great and wonderful mystery, that beasts should see the new-born  
Lord lying in a manger.  
O great and wonderful mystery. Amen.*

*The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

♠HYMN OF PREPARATION:

No. 176 "Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor" . . . . . QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

Words: Frank Houghton / Music: French Carol Melody; arr. Charles H. Kitson / II Corinthians 8:9

1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -  
 2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -  
 3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we

cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,  
 cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,  
 wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,

sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -  
 heav' n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -  
 make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -

yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.  
 yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.  
 yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

GOSPEL LESSON ..... Titus 2:11-14  
(page 998 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: Remembering and Rehearsing ..... Todd Erickson

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*This is the Lord's table. All who profess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are invited to receive communion. If this is not your faith, we would still encourage you to walk forward, knowing that no one will make you take the elements. Any of our elders or pastors will be happy to talk to you about questions or doubts you have about faith in Christ. We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church but do welcome them to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. All communion wafers are gluten free.*

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH ..... The Nicene Creed

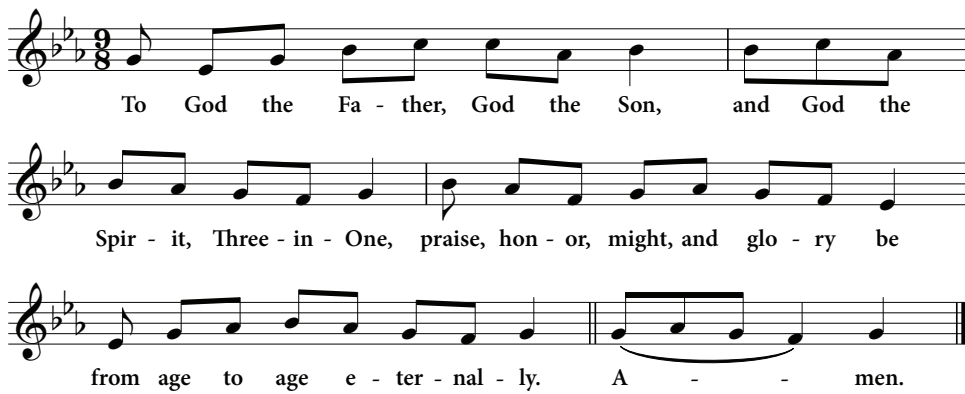
**We believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by Whom all things were made;  
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

✠ GLORIA PATRI ..... CONDITOR ALME

Words: Latin Hymn; tr. John M. Neale / Music: Plainsong; C. Winfred Douglas / Philippians 2:10-11



To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the  
Spir - it, Three - in - One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be  
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - - - men.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father, who sent Your one and only Son  
to bear the sin of the world  
and to bring life and light to sinners far and wide,  
we confess our need of Your gracious and forgiving love,  
for we have violated Your commandments  
by our thoughts, words, and deeds,  
and we are without excuse.  
On this holy night, we cast our sins upon Jesus  
and pray that You would heal us of our guilt and shame  
and of our wandering hearts,  
that we may serve You with glad obedience,  
to the everlasting glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Matthew 1:21

*She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

No. 147: "The First Noel" ..... THE FIRST NOEL

*Words and Music: Trad. English Carol / Luke 2:8*

1. The first No - el, the an - gels did say, was to  
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing  
 3. And by the light of that same star three  
 4. Then en - tered in those wise men three, full  
 5. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in the east, be - yond them far, and to the  
 wise men came from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, and of - fered  
 prais - es to our heav - en - ly Lord; who hath made

they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that  
 earth it gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both  
 king was their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher -  
 there, in his pres - ence, their gold and myrrh and  
 heav'n and earth of naught, and with his blood hu - man -

was so deep.  
 day and night.  
 ev - er it went. No - el, no - el, no - el, no -  
 frank - in - cense.  
 kind hath bought.



el, born is the King of Is - ra - el!

Instrumental Meditation: "O Holy Night" . . . Adolphe Charles Adam, Placide Cappeau, John S. Dwight  
*Lily Afshar, classical guitar*

Choral Meditation: "Mary Had a Baby" . . . . . William Dawson  
*Words and Music: William Dawson / Luke 2:7*

Mary had a Baby, my Lord! Born in a manger, my Lord!  
 What did they call Him? King Jesus.  
 Oh, Mary had a Baby, oh, yes!  
 He is called King Jesus, Mighty Counselor, King Emmanuel,  
 Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, my Lord!  
*Valetta Brinson, soloist*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH

HYMN OF CHRIST'S BIRTH: No. 162 "Silent Night! Holy Night!" . . . . . STILLE NACHT  
*Words: Joseph Mohr / Music: Franz Grüber / Luke 2:16*

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight!  
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
 4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
 Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,  
 with the an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ia to our King;

*Score continues on next page*

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round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
 Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,  
 with the an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ia to our King;

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

◆HYMN OF JOY: No. 128 "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" ..... ANTIOCH

Words: Isaac Watts / Music: G.F. Handel; arr. Jerry Westenkuehler / Psalm 98:4

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -  
 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the  
 ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of His right - eous -  
 room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 -ness and won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His  
 sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 love, and won - ders won - ders of His love.

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE ..... GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo.**  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

POSTLUDE: "Hallelujah Chorus" ..... G.F. Handel; arr. John Ebenezer West

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*Instrumentalists: Diane Cohen, violin; Lily Afshar, classical guitar*

### Christmas Day & New Year's Day Worship Schedule

On Sundays, December 25 and January 1, we will meet at 11:00 a.m. for worship in the Sanctuary. Sunday School, 8:15 a.m. worship, and Sunday Night Worship will not meet. The nursery will be closed.

### January Preaching Series

We'll kick off the new year with our annual Gospel Priorities series. Beginning January 8, we will hear from guest pastors during morning and evening worship on themes Jesus discusses in His inaugural address in Luke 4 as He begins His public ministry. Join us these Sundays for worship as we refocus on those things which Jesus makes a priority in His ministry, that we might make them a priority in ours.

**January 8:** Sirgregory Thornton,  
*Youth Pastor, Downtown Church*

**January 22:** Darryl Williamson,  
*Lead Pastor, Living Faith Bible Fellowship*

**January 15:** Jonathan Seda, *Retired*  
*Senior Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church*

**January 31:** Steven Chin, *Retired Senior*  
*Pastor, Boston Chinese Evangelical Church*

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