



Christmas Eve
Outdoor Nativity
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PRELUDE *Carols*

GREETING

READING Isaiah 9:6-7 Erik Oerke

O, Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O, Come, all ye faithful,
 Joyful and triumphant!
 Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
 Come and behold him
 Born the king of angels:

Refrain

- Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord!
2. Sing, choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
 Glory to God
 In the highest: (refrain)

MUSIC ***Ding, Dong! Ding, Dong!*** Cherub Choir

NARRATION

READING Luke 2:1-5 Grace Tanner

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
 How still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
 The silent stars go by;
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth,
 The everlasting light,
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 are met in thee tonight.

NARRATION

READING Luke 2:6-7 Lindsey Romig
Mary, Joseph and the pony arrive at the stable.

ANTHEM ***Away in a Manger*** Cherub Choir

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 cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus,
no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from
the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

All shepherds gather by the sheep. One angel appears.

NARRATION

READING Luke 2:8-12 Anna Berdahl

SOLO *Angels' Carol* / Rutter LeEtta Choi

LITURGICAL DANCE Monika Hybinette

NARRATION

READING Luke 2:13-14 Abigail Mortinsen

All angels gather around first angel.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all you nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Angels return to seats.

NARRATION

READING Luke 2:15-17 Molly Miller

READING Luke 2:18-20 Sam Miller

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds return to seats.

NARRATION

Wisemen travel to the stable and offer their gifts.

READING Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11 Sarah Selden

NARRATION

Congregation brings their offerings during the hymn.

We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

NARRATION

READING Matthew 1:22-23 Richard Romig

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!
Shepherd quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

MUSIC *Go Tell it on the Mountain* Cherub Choir
 Wish You a Merry Christmas Cherub Choir

NARRATION

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

POSTLUDE ***Joy to the World***

THE PLAYERS

Mary	Cece Palmquist
Joseph	Ben Miller
3 Magi	Joe Schroer, Jack Berdahl, Erika Taylor
Angel Dance	Monika Hybinette
Keyboard	Tia Whitaker
Solo	LeEtta Choi
Music	Cherub Choir, Director: LeEtta Choi
Ushers	Danny Irwin, Chris Irwin, Peter Mortinsen
	Abby Boyer, Jessica Benson, David Romig
Shepherds	All who wish to participate
Angels	All who wish to participate



Enjoy the candy canes being distributed after today's worship! We all enjoy candy canes at Christmas, but how many of us realize what they represent? The shape of the candy cane is symbolic of two things, a shepherd's staff and the form of a letter "J" signifying the name of Jesus. It reminds us that the Lord is our shepherd, tenderly and lovingly caring for us. The white stripe reminds us of the purity of Jesus. The red stripe reminds us of the blood He shed for us. The sweet taste helps us remember the sweetest gift ever given, that of Eternal Life.

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor	Pastor Ron Gluskamp
Associate Pastor	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
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Faith Formation Minister of Family Ministry	Joni Grundman
Interim Organist	Sheree Weverstad
Cherub Choir Director	LeEtta Choi
Faith Formation Minister with Youth	Kevin Dragseth
BECC Director	Mary Lloyd
Sound Technician	Corey Okes & Laura Romig

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