



**University Presbyterian Church  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina**

**December 24, 2017  
Christmas Eve  
4:00 p.m.**

WELCOME

\*OPENING SENTENCES

One: All God's people—

**All: Come and worship!**

One: Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

**All: Come and worship! Come and worship!**

One: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

**All: Come and worship, come and worship Christ,  
the newborn King!**

INTROIT

A Carol

Terry D. Taylor

Children's Choir

b. 1955

Liam Drake, Carter Lange, Sydnie Lindquist, *hand chimes*



*Children are invited to ring bells during the refrain (after the first time).*



*Noel, noel, noel we sing! Tidings of joyful news we bring!*

*Christ has come with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.*

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father.  
Jesus, Messiah, the Prince of Peace, come to reign forever.

\*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Drew, Hadley, Hannan, and Ruby Kifner

One: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**All: The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light.**

One: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,  
on them light has shined.

**All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: He came as a baby in a manger.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

One: He came in a lowly stable.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

One: Shepherds brought their worship.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

One: Angels sang his praise.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

One: Magi brought their gifts.

**All: O come, let us adore him.**

One: What shall we do?

**All: O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.**

\*CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*Adeste Fideles*



*Children are invited to ring bells during the refrain.*



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!



*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!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!



*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!



*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20

p. 58

(Children's Bible, p. 1184)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### THE WORLD WAITS FOR A SAVIOR

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*St. Louis*

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.

For Christ is born of Mary; And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love,  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

### ANGELS TELL A SAVIOR IS BORN

\*CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*Mendelssohn*



*Children are invited to ring bells during the refrain.*



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 the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”



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

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,  
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.



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

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, risen 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.



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

## JESUS' FIRST BED IS A MANGER

CAROL

“Away in a Manger”

Mueller

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 poor baby wakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

## ALL WONDER AT THE GIFT OF JESUS

\*CAROL

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Gloria



*Children are invited to ring bells during the refrain.*



Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.



*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?



*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.



*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

## THE GOOD NEWS

\*CAROL

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Go Tell It



*Children are invited to ring bells during the refrain.*



*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.



*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.



*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.



*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

# THE THANKSGIVING

## CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

A Carol                      VENITE ADOREMUS  
Junior Choir      arr. Vicki Hancock Wright  
b. 1953



*Children are invited to ring bells during the refrain*



The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,  
When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.



*Venite adoremus Dominum.* (Come let us adore Him)

'Twas gentle Mary maid, so young and strong,  
Who welcomed here the Christ child with a song.  
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;



The cow and oxen shared the roof with them.  
*Venite adoremus Dominum.* (Come let us adore Him)

Saint Joseph, too, was there to tend the Child,  
To guard him and protect his mother mild.



The angels hovered round and sang this song.  
*Venite adoremus Dominum.* (Come let us adore Him)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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.**

## THE SENDING

\*CAROL

“Joy to the World”

*Antioch*



*Children are invited to ring bells during the refrain.*



Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,



*and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains



*repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow



*far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness  
*and wonders of his love,*



*and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*\*You are invited to stand, as able.*

## Worship Notes

AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS, please turn off or silence all cellular phones, pagers, and other electronic devices for the duration of worship.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: Kim McNeill, Staff Associate for Youth Ministries; Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Interim Pastor; Nancy Myer, Staff Associate for Children's Ministries; Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor; Beth Auman Visser, Director of Children's and Youth Choirs; Zak Hamlett, Construction Manager for Dunham Hall (Joseph); Molly Hamlett (Mary); James and Virginia Hamlett (Baby Jesus). *Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music. *Youth Choir Accompanist:* Betsy Carmichael.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: *Ushers:* Joe Buckner (captain), Maggie and Lewis Morris, Carolyn Schwarz and Family, Daphne and Crowell Little.

A WORD ABOUT THIS EVENING'S OFFERING: The Christmas Eve Offering, as designated by the Session, will be divided to support the following ministries. The **Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund:** In recent years, this fund has helped give dozens of scholarship awards to students from Chapel Hill high schools. The recipients are students whose character and activities exemplify Dr. King's legacy of community-building. Awards are given by a university/ community foundation to students regardless of gender, race or economic status. **The Pastors' Discretionary Fund:** This fund is used by the church program staff to provide assistance to individuals and families in crisis, usually in collaboration with other local helping agencies.

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