

CHRISTMAS EVE 2018

PRELUDE *I Wonder as I Wander* Kay Deffley, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A father to be, feeling the weight of responsibility,
far from home, anxious;

All: Joseph, God is with you!

One: A mother to be, wondering about childbirth,
far from her family, troubled;

All: Mary, God is with you!

One: A child in the womb, warm, secure, waiting;

All: Jesus, God is with you!

One: The love of God, surrounding the holy family.

All: And surrounding us and our families always.

*HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him Born the king of angels:

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,

Born of a virgin, A mortal he comes;

Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing!

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, 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 In the highest:

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory given!

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

INVOCATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Billy Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

God Bless Us Everyone

Asbury Choir

*DOXOLOGY

God's love has come at Christmas time.

God's love in Jesus brightly shines.

God's Spirit love is from above.

Our gifts are blessed and shared in love.

Amen.

LESSONS & CAROLS

This Tonight is the Meeting Place

Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Lullaby

Luke 2:1-7

I Believe

Luke 2:8-12

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Luke 2:13-20

Go, Tell It on the Mountain!

Matthew 2:1-11

Joseph's Song

Matthew 2:12 -15, 19-23; Luke 2:40

Mary Did You Know?

John 1:1-9

Carry the Light!

One Solitary Life

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

HOLY COMMUNION

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Come, O Redeemer, come; Grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come; Grant us peace.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Silent Night

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.

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!

Silent night, Holy night. Son of God, loves pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

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!

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Hester

*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*If you are able, please stand.