

MESSAGE: **Christmas for All** **Luke 2: 1-20**

COMMUNION

CANDLE LIGHTING: ***Silent Night*** Hymn 210

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, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's 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!

Joy to the World Hymn 195 stanza 1
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!

BENEDICTION Pastor Charles

POSTLUDE *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* arr. Jim Brickman

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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CHRISTMAS EVE 2023 – 7:00 PM

LESSONS AND CAROLS

COMMUNION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

PIANO PRELUDE *O Holy Night* Adolf Adam
Jill Kutsch, Susan Watkins, Marti Dushak - Trio

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Pastor Charles Reed

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE: The Reed Family
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Might God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

***CAROL #224** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* stanzas 1-3

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us.

People: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given: and He will be our ruler. He will be called "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father," "Prince of Peace."

Leader: His royal power will keep on growing. His Kingdom will always be at peace. He will rule as King David's successor, basing His power on right and justice until the end of time. The Lord Almighty will do all this.

People: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.

* **CAROL #208:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Luke 1:46-56 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Once Upon a Holy Night* Ferguson and Stone

Luke 2:4-7: So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in strips of cloth and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

* **CAROL #201:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Luke 2: 8-13: And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

* **CAROL #214:** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Luke 2: 14-15: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests. When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

* **CAROL #203:** *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

Luke 2: 16-20: So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in a manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

MEN'S ENSEMBLE

The Manger Was the First Stop on the Road to the Cross Rudloff