

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 27, 2015 | 10:30 AM

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

PRELUDE "I SAW THREE SHIPS" arr. Bish
Tim Hendrix, Organ

WELCOME Allan Smith

OPENING SENTENCES MATTHEW 1:18-24 Douglas Brown

Leader: ¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

People: ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

Leader: ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

People: ²³ "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Leader: ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.

CAROL No. 259 ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY REGENT SQUARE
Stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 5

MEDITATION Amanda Atkin

CAROL No. 271 JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU HYMN TO JOY
Both Stanzas

(Children are invited to come to the front on the final stanza)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Missy Brookshire

WORSHIP REFLECTION "I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY" WALTHAM
Tim Hendrix, Organ

Let earth receive her King!

MEDITATION		Sean Allen
CAROL No. 275	SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS Stanzas 1, 2 and 3	FRENCH CAROL
CAROL No. 278	ANGELS, WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH Stanzas 1, 3 and 4	GLORIA
SCRIPTURE READING	GALATIANS 4:4-7	Steve Rose
MEDITATION		Allan Smith
CAROL No. 267	I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY All Stanzas	WALTHAM

Let every heart prepare him room

OFFERTORY PRAYER		Laura Kanai
OFFERTORY	“DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?” Brian Grant, Handbell Solo with Cynthia Griesedieck, Piano	arr. McChesney
RESPONSE	ADVENT DOXOLOGY	OLD HUNDREDTH
	All praise, eternal Christ, to Thee, Whose advent sets Thy people free. Once more upon Thy people shine, And fill the world with love divine. Amen.	
VOCAL PRAISE	“GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN” Mackenzie Boone and Laura Nelson, Vocal Duet	Traditional Spiritual
MEDITATION		April Alston

And heaven and nature sing!

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 2:8-14

Jamie Allen

Leader: ⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

People: ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Leader: ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

People: ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

ALL: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests!"

CAROL No. 270

JOY TO THE WORLD!
Stanzas 1, 2 and 3

ANTIOCH

PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

SONG OF SENDING No. 270

JOY TO THE WORLD!

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!

BENEDICTION

Sean Allen

POSTLUDE

"GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"
Tim Hendrix, Organ

Traditional Spiritual