

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2016 | 10:30 AM

LUKE 2:7-16

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

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

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.



PRELUDE	"BORN IS HE, THE DIVINE CHRIST CHILD" Lee Ann Spahr, Organ	Trad. French Carol; arr. Harris
WELCOME		Amanda Atkin
⊕ CAROL 259	ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY Stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 5 (Children are invited to come to the front on the last stanza)	REGENT SQUARE
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		April Alston
CHRISTMAS REFLECTION	"I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY" Lee Ann Spahr, Organ	Calkin (WALTHAM)
SCRIPTURE READING		Allan Smith
CHRISTMAS PRAYER		
⊕ CAROL 262	AWAY IN A MANGER All Stanzas	AWAY IN A MANGER

⊕ OFFERTORY PRAYER

Cathy Byman

OFFERTORY

“GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”
Sue Newton, Piano

arr. Raney

⊕ RESPONSE 277

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

SCRIPTURE READING

Sean Allen

CALL TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

⊕ PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you.

⊕ CAROL 270

JOY TO THE WORLD!
Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

ANTIOCH

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Sean Allen

⊕ SENDING SONG 258

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Traditional Spiritual

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

⊕ BENEDICTION

Sean Allen

POSTLUDE

“CHRISTMAS POSTLUDE”
Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

arr. Stickles

