



WONDER

MORNING WORSHIP
WITH CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
11:00 AM

✦ Please stand as you are able

Prelude "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH" (arr. Page) Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

Welcome Amanda Atkin

Children's Choir "UNTO US" Gage

✦ Carol 259 ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY REGENT SQUARE
Stanzas 1, 2 and 3

Lighting the Advent Candle Eve and Fred Conner

Instrumental Reflection "THE FIRST NOEL" Trad. English Carol
James Tatum and Jamie Brookshire, Trumpets

Pastoral Prayer Allan Smith

Children's Nativity

*Please hold photography and applause until the very end of the Children's Nativity portion.
Text for the NATIVITY CAROLS are given on the page following the Worship Order.*

The Prophecy Isaiah 9:2

Carol O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Mary, Joseph and Jesus Luke 2:1, 3-7

Carol O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

The Angels Luke 2:8-14

Carol	HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING	
The Shepherds	Luke 2:15-20	
Carol	THE FIRST NOEL	
The Wise Men	Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11	
Carol	WE THREE KINGS	
Worship Reflection	“WHAT CHILD IS THIS” (Trad. English Melody) <i>Feel free to take pictures during this time</i>	Lee Ann Spahr, Organ
Offertory Prayer		Karen Brewer
Choral Offertory	“ON THIS SILENT NIGHT” “SHARE THE LIGHT” Children’s Choir	Schram Eernisse
⌄ Response 278	ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH, stanza 3	GLORIA
	Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Glo — ria in excelsis Deo, Glo — ria in excelsis Deo.	
Christmas Blessing		April Alston
Discipline of Silence— <i>Please pause for a moment of silent reflection</i>		
⌄ Carol 292	THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE Stanzas 1 and 2	MARGARET
⌄ Passing the Peace	Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. People: And also with you.	
⌄ Celebrating Community		Mike Eller
⌄ Sending Song	WHAT CHILD IS THIS, refrain This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!	GREENSLEEVES
⌄ Benediction		Mike Eller
Postlude	“CHRISTMAS POSTLUDE” (arr. E. Smith)	Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

Carols (for the Children's Nativity)

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL (No. 245)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (No. 250)

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.

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.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING (No. 277)

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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a Virgin's womb;
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the Incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

THE FIRST NOEL (No. 265)

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay tending their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

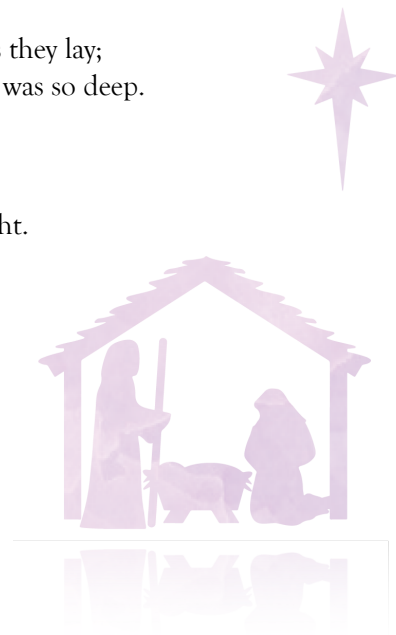
They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

WE THREE KINGS (No. 288)

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain; Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.



December Worship Schedule - Greystone is gathering on Sunday mornings to celebrate and worship as one church family during December. We will gather at 11:00am each Sunday (except for New Year's Eve Sunday). Additionally, the church will hold services every Sunday night the first four Sundays of Advent including Christmas Eve. Please check your church calendars for further details. This temporary change in schedule will give our congregation the opportunity to join together in one heart and voice during these beginning days of the Interim and hopefully will strengthen the impact of our worship and the "ties that bind" us as the people of God. You might even see some faces you haven't seen in a while!

December 31: 10 AM—Coffee and Doughnuts
10:30 AM—Morning Worship (no Sunday School)

2017 Contributions - If you wish to have tax credit for contributions in 2017, please note that they should be left at the office, in the drop box outside the office, or mailed to the office postmarked no later than December 31. If you plan or would like to make a contribution in the form of stock, please remember, any stock contributions for 2017 must be received by Greystone, in Greystone's account, by December 31 to be counted as a 2017 contribution. Contact the financial secretary for the information you will need to complete the transfer of stock to Greystone (call office or finance@greystonechurch.org).

January Bible Study - Join us on Wednesday Nights in January for our Winter Bible Study. Dr. Jennifer Bashaw, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Ministry at Campbell University will be leading our discussion. Our focus will be on Biblical interpretation throughout the New Testament. We will explore the different tools that can help us in our understanding of different types of scripture. This study will begin on January 10 and continue through the month. Join us as we examine texts from Matthew to Revelation.

December

24	9:45 am	Sunday school
	11:00	Combined Morning Worship (with Children's Nativity)
	5:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service— <i>Carols, Candlelight and Communion</i>
25—28		<i>Church office closed</i>
27		No Wednesday Night Live Dinner (incl. No Adult Choir)

Today

Greyson and Amy Davis
Bob and Joy Millikan
Nancy Register
Craig Swaim

Barbara Crabb, Lou Dawson,
Louise Estes, Joy Croom Griffin,
Donna Judd, Mary Fran Perkinson,
Steve and Linda Wheeler