



## Christmas Eve Service

Carols, Candlelight and Communion

December 24, 2019 | 5:30 PM

The Christmas spirit is that hope which tenaciously clings to the hearts of the faithful  
and announces in the face of any Herod the world can produce  
and all the inn doors slammed in our faces and all the dark nights of our souls  
that with God all things still are possible, that even now unto us a child is born!

- Ann Barr Weems, *Kneeling in Bethlehem*,  
"The Christmas Spirit"

*As we gather, take a moment to prepare your hearts for worship.*

**Prelude**

**CHRISTMAS SELECTIONS**

Tim Hendrix, Organ

**Welcome**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

One: Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

**Carol 286**

**"ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY"**

arr. Joel Raney

1st verse - Walker Alston and Aaron Ng, 2nd verse - Adult Choir,  
3rd and 4th verses (see below) - Congregation

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; Day by day like us He grew.  
He was little, weak, and helpless; Tears and smiles like us He knew.  
And He feeleth for our sadness, and He shareth in our gladness.  
And our eyes at last shall see Him thro' His own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above.  
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

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**Advent Responsive Reading**

One: Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

All: **Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!**

One: Tonight, we long to worship the newborn king.

All: **Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!**

One: Tonight, we long to hear the good news proclaimed by the angels.

All: **Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!**

One: Tonight, we long to receive the promise foretold.

All: **Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Chrissy, Justin and Mia Williamson

**First Lesson**

Abrahamic Covenant  
Genesis 12:1-5

Jamie Brookshire

**Prayer of Intercession**

Amanda Atkin

<b>Second Lesson</b>	Prophet Foretells Coming of Messiah Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Sarah Vandersip
<b>Message in Music</b>	<b>“ADVENT HYMN”</b> Elizabeth Worley with Pam Weis, Piano <i>Children come forward when prompted.</i>	
<b>Third Lesson</b>	Peace That Christ Will Bring Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9	Charlotte Davis
<b>Children’s Message</b>		April Alston
<b>Carol 262</b>	<b>“AWAY IN A MANGER”</b> 1st verse - Children with Kristen Pickles, Guitar <i>After the children sing the first verse, please remain seated and join us for this final verse.</i>  Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.  Public Domain	
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>	<i>Tonight’s offering will be given for Refugee Hope Partners.</i>	Nancy Register
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>“LO, HOW A ROSE E’ER BLOOMING”</b> Adult Choir with Pam Weis, Piano and Steve Rose, Flute	arr. Jay Rouse
<b>Fourth Lesson</b>	Angel Gabriel Salutes Virgin Mary Luke 1:26-35, 38	James Green
<b>Devotion</b>		Chrissy Tatum Williamson
<b>Communion</b>		
<b>Message in Music</b>	<b>“MARY AND ELIZABETH”</b> Adult Choir with Tim Hendrix, Piano	Choplin
<b>Fifth Lesson</b>	St. Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1, 3-7	Peter Cregger
<b>Message in Music</b>	<b>“MARY, DID YOU KNOW?”</b> Heather Choplin and Cathy Perkinson with Pepper Choplin, Piano	arr. Schrader

## Sixth Lesson

## Shepherds Go to the Manger Luke 2:8-16

Susan Gardner

### Message in Music

### “NOEL”

Laura Nelson and MacKenzie Boone  
with Amber Sawyers, Piano

## Seventh Lesson

## The Word Became Flesh John 1:1-14

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

### Carol 253

### SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!

*During the candle lighting, please bend your unlit candle to receive light from a lit candle.*

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, 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.

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### Carol 270

### JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

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.

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## Postlude

*At the conclusion of the service, please extinguish candles and place them in the baskets  
as you exit the sanctuary. Merry Christmas!*

### Pianists | Organists

Pepper Choplin  
Tim Hendrix  
Amber Sawyers  
Pam Weis

### Other Instrumentalists

Stephen Hollingsworth, Trumpet  
Kristen Pickles, Guitar  
Steve Rose, Flute  
James Tatum, Trombone

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