



A Family Christmas

24 DECEMBER

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Sunday, December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve

A Family Christmas

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude *Silent Night* Gjielo

Call to Worship

Processional Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #132

Greeting & Welcome

Unison Prayer

Creator God, on this holiest of nights, we gather like the shepherds, awestruck and wondering. We lean in close like Mary and Joseph, daring to hope, beginning to dream. We celebrate like the angels, singing glad songs of great joy. O holy God, on this night, with the star in the sky and stillness stretching across the earth, come to us once more. Quench our fears with your peace, heal our wounds with your hope, dry our tears with your joy, and open our hearts with your love. Amen.

First Lesson *Isaiah 11:1-9* MacKenzie & Ashlyn Myers-Comley

"The Peaceable Kingdom"

Jr./Sr. Choir Anthem *All Earth Is Hopeful* Cherwien

Second Lesson *Luke 1:46-56* Meg Doucette

"Mary's Song of Praise"

Carol *In the Bleak Midwinter* #128

Third Lesson *Luke 2:1-7* Sue Tonkiss

"The Birth of Jesus"

Jr. Choir Anthem *Sussex Carol* Stuart

Lisa Putukian, oboe

Fourth Lesson *Luke 2:8-14* Art Hague

"The Angel Appears to the Shepherds"

Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High* #116

The Christmas Offering

Rev. Morisse

Offertory

Chanson

Gliere

Lisa Putukian, oboe

Fifth Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

Nate Klippenstein

"The Shepherds Visit Jesus"

Prayers of the People

Rev. Tanner

One: Jesus Christ, born in a stable, be with those who live on the margins still.

All: Send good news to the poor and the weary: tonight a child is born!

One: Jesus Christ, born of Mary, bless all who mother or mourn children tonight.

All: Send good news to parents of every kind: tonight a child is born!

One: Jesus Christ, visited by kings, speak wisdom and peace to power.

All: Send good news to the leaders and the servants: tonight a child is born!

One: Jesus Christ, turned refugee in Egypt, guide the seeking and deepen our hospitality.

All: Send good news to the refugee, the asylum seeker, the migrant, the homeless: tonight a child is born!

One: All these things we pray in the name of the one who seeks to know us, the one who is born tonight, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

All: Our Creator, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sr. Choir Anthem

Ecce Novum

Gjielo

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: Jesus Christ, You are the light of our world.

All: Your light burns forever!

*Candle Lighters will ignite the candle of the person closest to the center aisle.
Please pass the light to those next to you. Remember, lit candles stay upright and
unlit candles tilt toward the flame to be lighted.
Please remain seated once the light has been shared.*

Carol

Silent Night

#138

*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.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; 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.*

Benediction

Rev. Tanner

Carol

Joy to the World!

#130

Postlude

Puer Natus Est

Titcomb

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*A special word of gratitude to the people who make this service special,
before, during, in front of, and behind. Thank you to our Deacons, Junior
Deacons, ushers, greeters, singers, and readers.*

And special thanks to our musicians:

*Aaron Packard
Olga Kradenova, violin
Nate Kim, viola
Sara Wilkins, cello*

*Their presence tonight was made possible by the generosity of Charles Long,
who established the Gladys W. Long Music Fund to ensure that music may bless
our worship and magnify our praises to God.*

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*Worship will be virtual-only the next two Sundays.
We will return to the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 8, 2023
Join us on Facebook or YouTube for worship.
December 25, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.
January 1, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.*

Christmas Poinsettias



Carole Blackman

in memory of Warren Blackman

Kathy & Don Copson

in celebration of our beloved Plymouth Church Friends

Leslie Dooley

in memory of Charles Randall

Nancy Lawson

in loving memory of Robert Lawson

Nancy Lawson, Beth, Frank, Nick, & Stefan Marascio

in fond and loving memory of Kurt Lawson

Robert Bush & Joyce Miller

in memory of Winona and Robert Miller, and of AJ and Mary Ellen Busch

Nancy Spence & Family

in loving memory of Bill Spence,
and in honor of our new great-grandson, Luke Matthew Downing,
son of Melissa and Matthew Downing

Hilary Sullivan

in loving memory of William G. Sullivan, Elinor E. Sullivan, and Cecil D. Andrews



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