



Adoration of the Shepherds (1689) Charles Le Brun (C.1619-1690) French
Louvre Museum, Paris, France

Order of Worship

Christmas Eve

Faith Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2019

5:00 p.m.

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Fanfare on FOREST GREEN Douglas E. Wagner
(b. 1952)

Fantasy on FOREST GREEN Lee Burswold
(1941–2017)

The Bell Choir

Ave Maria Giulio Caccina
arr. Christopher Tambling
(1964-2015)

Kendrick Lee, tenor

The Star Peter McCann
(b. 1948)

Mike Shirey, vocals & guitar

Il est un petit ange Claude-Bénigne Balbastre
(1724-1799)

Dr. Samuel Springer, organ

Tonight's choral offerings are taken from the 1712 Gloria RV 489 of Antonio Vivaldi composer, teacher, virtuoso violinist. The Gloria, which opens with the song of the angels at the birth of Christ [Luke 2: 14], has been incorporated into the Roman Mass since at least the 4c AD

Gloria Antonio Vivaldi
(1678-1741)

Gloria in Excelsis Deo! Gloria to God in the highest

The Chancel Choir

THE CHURCH GATHERS

***Call to Worship: Lighting of the Christ Candle** **The Curtis Family**

* *Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ~ Isaiah 9:2

Two: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders.

All: And he is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ~ Isaiah 9:6

***Carol 133** O Come, All Ye Faithful! ADESTE FIDELES

Welcome and Prayer

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers

Anthemfrom *Gloria*

Laudamus Te

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, We praise you, we bless you,
adoramus te, glorificamus te, We adore you, we glorify you,

Ayanna Freelon, soprano
Danielle Muse, soprano

Domine Deus

Domine Deus, rex celestis, Lord God, king of heaven,
Deus pater omnipotens, God, all powerful Father,

Domine Fili Unigenite

Domine fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son,

Qui Sedes ad Dexteram

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, Seated at the right hand of the Father,
miserere nobis. have mercy on us.

Lesson Titus 3: 4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Carol 115 Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Gospel Luke 2: 1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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!"

OFFERING

Call to Prayer

Rev. Speers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Offertory Anthem

from Gloria

Quoniam tu Solus Sanctus *with* Cum Sancto Spiritu

<i>Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,</i>	For You alone are the Holy One,
<i>tu solus Dominus,</i>	you alone are the Lord,
<i>tu solus Altissimus,</i>	<i>you alone are the Most High,</i>
<i>Jesu Christe,</i>	<i>Jesus Christ,</i>
<i>cum Sancto Spiritu:</i>	with the Holy Spirit,
<i>in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.</i>	in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Sung Response 143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory
verse 4 adapted

REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the glorious Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the Newborn King!**

Offering Prayer

God with us, in your grace receive this offering from your beloved children. Bless these gifts and us who return them to you. We pray for a world transformed, and that you use us for that transformation, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Please hold the lit candle upright and tilt the unlit candle toward the flame.

Carol 122 Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

please remain seated

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! 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.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

Please extinguish your candle as the lights come back up.

GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

***Benediction**

***Carol 119** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

The service concludes with the postlude.

Postlude *Postlude sur un Noël*

Denis Bédard
(b. 1950)

Please place your candle in the basket as you leave. Merry Christmas!

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Rev. Mary Barrett Speers, *Interim Pastor*
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The Chancel Choir
The Handbell Choir

CANDLE LIGHTERS

Bill, Mary Ellen, Glen, and Laura Curtis

SOLOISTS

Ayanna Freelon, *soprano*
Kendrick Lee, *tenor*
Danielle Muse, *soprano*
Mike Shirey, *vocals & guitar*

CHANCEL & BELL CHOIRS

Jay Chalfant, *bells*
Deb Colmers, *soprano*
Phyllis Compton, *soprano & bells*
Adelaide Cooke, *tenor*
Doris Cowan, *tenor*
Robert Gardner, *tenor & bells*
Mary Hodgson, *soprano*
Susan Johnston, *alto*
Sandra McWhirter, *alto & bells*
David Meyers, *baritone*
Susan Minor, *alto*
Neil Nemser, *baritone*
Pat Nesbitt, *alto*
Vivian Slacum, *alto*
Judy Sperling, *soprano & bells*
Marilyn Valentine, *soprano & bells*
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Natalie Wallace, *alto*

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The DEAR Fund was created by Faith's Board of Deacons to provide financial assistance to any Faith Church member in an emergency situation. A Faith member may contact a committee member, the pastor, or the parish administrator to request assistance. An application is filled out confidentially and the committee lets the member know if the request is approved and the amount. Please consider making a contribution to this important fund; check DEAR Fund on pew envelope or in the memo of your check.

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