



Adoration of the Shepherds (1622) Gerard (Gerrit) van Honthorst (1590-1656,)
Museum Wallraf-Richartz Museum, Cologne, Germany

Order of Worship

Christmas Eve

Faith Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Prelude

Brass Quartet

*A Giant and Mighty Wonder
Joy to the World
O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Song *If It Wasn't for the Night*

Peirce Pettis
David Wilcox

Mike Shirey, *vocals and guitar*

Carol 140 Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

verses 1-3

Call to Worship

Neil Nemser

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: Glory to God in the highest!

One: For a child has been born for us, a son has been given to us.

All: Glory to God in the highest!

One: He is to be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: Glory to God in the highest!

One: The Word of God has come to us, full of grace and truth.

All: Glory to God in the highest!

One: Christ is born!

All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace among all people.

Carol 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

verses 1, 3, 4

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of life, as we celebrate Christ's birth, forgive us for failing so often to recognize him in the world. When we reduce this day to what we will get instead of what we might give, have mercy on us. When we are complacent about poverty, remind us that Christ was born in a stable and lived among the poor. Where we have been led astray, send your star to guide us back to the one who reveals to us your great love. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

verse 4

*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!*

Assurance of Grace

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Lighting the Advent Wreath

The Pope Family

A Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

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.
 You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
 For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
 For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
 For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
 authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
 Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onwards and for evermore.
 The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Music *What Child Is This? with Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Mary McDonald

Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-20

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 Saviour, 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 favours!'

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. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Christmas Meditation

Rev. Goodrich

Carol 113 Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Come Unto Me, All Ye That Labor* from Messiah

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

Dimery Mowery, *soprano*

Dedication of Self and Substance

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to The Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...*The prayer continues, concluding with*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of Communion

When the bread is broken, please break the bread you have at home. When the cup is poured, please pour it at home, or touch the cup if you've already filled it. We give thanks that the Spirit is present wherever we are, knitting us together as the body of Christ in the world.

Carol *O Holy Night*

Daniel Rich, *baritone*

Prayer after Communion

God of Wonder, we thank you for
our eyes which have seen your love for us in Christ's birth,
our ears which have heard the angel's song,
our souls which have been fed by the bread of life.
Grant that we may grasp the truth and live it,
for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and all those whom he loves.
In your many names we pray, Amen.

Carol 122 *Silent Night*

Mike Shirey

STILLE NACHT

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

Michael Bedford
(b. 1949)

Passing of the Peace

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Goodrich, *Pastor*

Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*

Neil Nemser, *Liturgist*

Dimery Mowery, *Soloist*

Daniel Rich, *Soloist*

Mike Shirey, *Guitar and Vocals*

The Brass Quartet

Caleb Barnes

Micah Duckett

Brian Moten

Tionne Blackwell

Mozella Williams, *Zoom Moderator*

Dawn Shirey, *PowerPoint*

Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.
 MUSIC: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849; harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

IRBY
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Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 King; Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

GERMAN

1 *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

KOREAN

1 *고요한밤 기록한밤*
어둠에 묻힌밤
주의부모 앉아서
감사기도 드릴때
아기잘도 잔다
아기잘도 잔다

SPANISH

1 *¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!*
Todo duerme en derredor,
entre los astros que esparcen su luz,
bella, anunciando al niño Jesús,
brilla la estrella de paz,
brilla la estrella de paz.

The tradition that this carol's tune was created for guitar accompaniment at its first singing on Christmas Eve 1818 seems reliable, though a recent find shows that the text was about two years old. But there is no question that this is now a favorite Christmas carol worldwide.

TEXT: Joseph Mohr, 1816; stanzas 1-3, English trans. John Freeman Young, 1863;
 stanza 4, English trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818
 Korean Trans. © The Christian Literature Society of Korea

STILLE NACHT
 Irregular

113 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3 Come to Beth-le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad-some ti - dings be which in-spire your heaven-ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

TEXT: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, alt.
 MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

ADESTE FIDELES
 Irregular



Christmas Flowers

Jackie Billings	In Memory of Michael Billings, Sr.; Teresa Norford; Courtney Norford In Celebration of Cathy Billings
Paula Burger	In Memory of Ann & Ernest Phillips; Fannie & Willard Burger
John & Debra Colmers	In Memory of Our Beloved Grandparents and Parents; Deb's Dear Brother, Kelly Paul
The Herber Family	In Memory of James P. Herber
Robin & Neil Nemser	In Celebration of Our Children and Grandchildren; The Thursday Crew
Laurie Newton	In memory of Her Mother, Sue Hudson; Gail Johnston
Ron & Judy Sperling	In Memory of Loved Ones In Celebration of Children & Grandchildren
Debra Stacey	In Celebration of Susan Groff Johnston

Music Fund

Kay Ballard	In Celebration of Loved Ones
Jackie Billings	In Celebration of Cathy Billings
Paula Burger	In Celebration of Samuel Springer
John & Debra Colmers	In Memory of Randy Woodfield; George Jenkins
Mary Hodgson	In Memory of Barbara Johnson
Sandra McWhirter	In Celebration of Samuel Springer; Faith Church Choir; Elizabeth Lane
Karen & David Meyers	In Memory of Randy Woodfield In Celebration of Samuel Springer





The Bread Fund

Kay Ballard	In Celebration Scheir Family of Maryland and Delaware
Rev. Dr. Donald Boardman	In Memory of Charles & Evelyn Preston; Rev. Richard Randall Preston; Mr. & Mrs. (Adrianna "Jean") Harry Boardman, Sr.; Mr. Harry Boardman, Jr.; Elder Carol Page Preston Boardman
Paula Burger	In Celebration of Diane Borgatti
Cat Goodrich	In Celebration of the Elders and Deacons of Faith Church
Mary Hodgson	In Memory of Albert Jackson; Alberta Jackson
Susan Groff Johnston	



The Dear Fund

Kay Ballard	In Celebration of Scott & Beth
Cat Goodrich	In Celebration of the PNC
Mary Hodgson	In Memory Albert Jackson, Jr.
Susan Groff Johnston	
Debra Stacey	In Celebration of Susan Groff Johnston
Audrey & John Trapp	In Memory of Loved Ones
Sharon Will	In Memory of Anna, David, and Edwin Will