



LEESBURG

United Methodist Church



Worship Program for December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

Prelude "Oh, What a Glorious Night" Raising Praise
"Come and Worship"

We Gather

Welcome Rev. Jim Wishmyer

Entering the Sacred *Sacred time, sacred space, sacred presence*

Candle Lighting and Prayer "I Believe" (Mark Miller) Michelle Pinkney
and Rev. Heather Wray

The Prophet Foretells [Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7](#) Rev. Jim Wishmyer
the Coming of the Savior

Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (1 & 4) Traditional

Verse 1

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

Verse 4

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,
an ensign of the people be
before thee rulers silent fall;
All peoples on the mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

The Peace that Christ [Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 4a; 6-9](#) Natalie Huelsman
Will Bring Is Foreshown

The Birth of the Messiah

An Angel Appears to Mary [Luke 1:26-38](#) Jill Ryan

Choral Anthem "The Midnight Clear" (Schram and Williams) Chancel Choir

An Angel Visits Joseph [Matthew 1:18-25](#) Rev. Jim Wishmyer

Song "Angels We Have Heard on High" (verses 1 & 3) Traditional

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Journey to Bethlehem

[Luke 2:1-7](#)

Rev. Jim Wishmyer

Reflection

"This Holy Night"

Rev. Jim Wishmyer

Song "O Come All Ye Faithful" (Verses 1 & 3)

Verse 1

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Verse 3

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

The Shepherds Visit

[Luke 2:8-14](#)

Janice Webb

Song "Away in a Manger"

Verse 1

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Verse 2

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 take us to Heaven To live with Thee there

For to Us a Child is Born

[Luke 2:15-20](#)

Nikki Haase

Song "You're Here"

Raising Praise

Verse 1

Hold on now, gotta take a deep breath,
I don't know what to say when I look in your eyes.
You made the world before I was born
But here I am holding you in my arms, tonight

Verse 2

I don't know how long I'm gonna have you for
But I'll be watching when you change the world
I look at your hands, they're still so small
Someday you're going to stretch the out and save us
all

Pre-chorus

Noel, Noel Jesus our Emmanuel

Pre-chorus

Chorus

Chorus

You're here. I'm holding you so near
I'm starring into the face of my Savior,
King and Creator
You could've left us on our own
But You're here

Verse 3

Some-day I'm gonna look back on this
The night that God be-came a baby boy
Some-day You're gonna go home a-gain
But You leave Your Spirit and flood the world with joy

Chorus

Wise Men from the East

[Matthew 2:1-11](#)

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Song

“What Child Is This?” (1 & 3)

Verse 1

What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

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.

Verse 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.

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.

Jesus Presented in the Temple

[Luke 2:21-24](#)

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Song

“Born that We May Have Life”

Raising Praise

Verse 1

No reputation, no stately bearing
No palace bed for royalty
But a star in the heavens, a sign full of wonder
Announcing the coming of the King of kings

Chorus 1

Rejoice O world your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of man
Born that we may have life
You were born that we may have life

Verse 2

A throne in a manger, the cross in a cradle
The hidden revealing this glorious plan
A child who would suffer, a child who would conquer,
The sin of every woman the sins of every man

Chorus 1

Rejoice O world your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of man
Born that we may have life
You were born that we may have life

Chorus 2

Rejoice O world your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of man
Born that we may have life
Rejoice O world your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of man
Born that we may have life
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Simeon Sees God's Salvation
& Anna Bears Witness

[Luke 2:25-38](#)

Rev. Heather Wray

We Respond

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Prayer Over Offering

Rev. Jim Wishmyer

We Go Forth

Witness to the Light

Rev. Heather Wray

Song

“Silent Night”

Raising Praise

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

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!

Verse 3

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.

Verse 4

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!

Benediction

Rev. Jim Wishmyer

Song

“Joy to the World”

Raising Praise

Verse 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come,
Let Earth receive her King,
Let every heart, prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns,
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding Joy.

Verse 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground,
He comes to make, his blessing flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, Far as the curse is found.

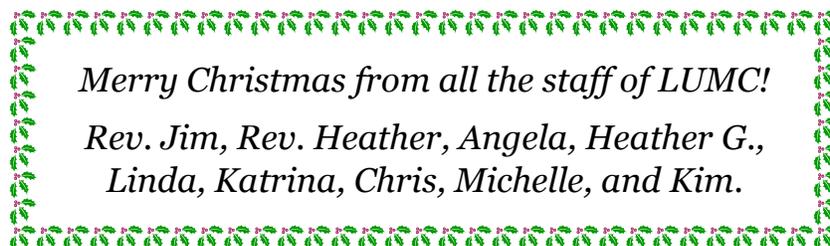
Verse 4

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.

Handbell Benediction

“I Believe” (arr. Rhoades)

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