



CAROLINA

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2020

Welcome

Call to Worship: Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Hege Family

One: We have watched; we have waited
... in hope.
... for peace.
... in joy!
... with love.
Now our redemption draws near!

One: Hear the Word of the Lord from 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 Counselor, 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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

One: Glory to God in the highest!

All: **Wondrous God,**
We praise you and bless you for the gift of your only begotten Son,
the true light who enlightens everyone that has come into the world.
May all who receive him and believe in his name
be born anew as beloved children of your redeeming purpose.
In Christ's name we pray. Alleluia! Amen!

***Hymn (#143)**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:4-11

Meditation

How Will We Know It's Christmas?

Rev. Steve Snipes

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God)

Meditation

A Mountaintop Message

Rev. R.C. Griffin

***Hymn (#136)**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: **And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: . . . Therefore we break forth together into singing:

Sung (#552)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Many: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: . . . Celebrating these gifts from our Savior, we speak the mystery of faith:

Sung (#553)

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Many: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

One: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory belongs to you, O God,
full of grace and truth.

And now, hear us as we join our voices with disciples of every time and place,
every land and race,
praying the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying:

All: **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

Sung (#554)

Amen

All: **Amen.**

Breaking of The Bread

Communion of The People

Prayer of Gratitude

The Candle Lighting Service

***Candlelight Hymn (#122)**

Silent Night, Holy Night!

***Charge and Benediction**

143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sag - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
 you have seen his na - tal star:
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain $\text{♩} = \text{♩} \text{♩}$

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

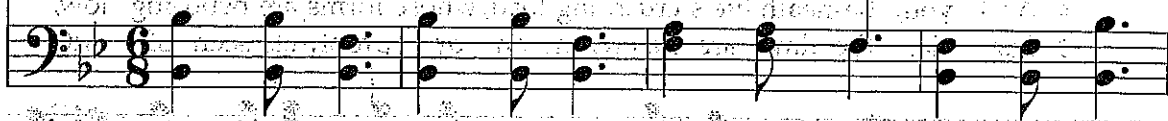
be - hold, through-out the heav - ens there shone a ho - - ly light,
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

to Refrain

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 거룩한밤
 어둠에 문헌밤
 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.