† The Hymn of Response

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
There he lay, the Undefiled, to the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.

Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undefiled, but no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story;
Praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!

† The Concluding Carol

Silent Night

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! Shepherd’s quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly host sing alleluias;
Christ, the Savior, is born! 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, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

† The Benediction

The Postlude

An Evening Prayer

Mrs. Mary Edewaard

Chas. H. Gabriel Arr. by Gloria Roe

This evening’s offering will be given to the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund, which aids widowed and retired church servants across the denomination in times of severe financial need. For more information, please see the insert in your bulletin.

Merry Christmas!
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Christmas Eve 2017
4:00 PM

“The Light has come into the world… whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly shown that his works have been carried out in God.”

The Prelude
Geor Babineau
Pietro A Yon
Mrs. Mary Edewaard

The Welcome

The Choral Introit
Messiah's Lullaby
David Schwoebel

† The Invocation
John 8:12 & I John 1:5-7

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

People: “This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

Leader: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

People: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the giving of the Light!

† The Hymn of Praise
O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, 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, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above; Glory to God in the highest;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yeaa, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, late in Besh appearing;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

† The Invocation
The Birth of Jesus
Luke 2:1-7

In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Carol
Away in a Manger

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

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes; I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

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 fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

† The Carol
The First Noel

Luke 2:8-14

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes 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, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

The Shepherds’ Mission
Luke 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

† The Carol
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, And glory shone around.

“To you, in David’s town this day, is born of David’s line, The Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign:

“The heav’nly babe you there shall find to human view displayed, All merrily wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid, And in a manger laid.”

“All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; Good will henceforth, from heav’n to men, begin and never cease, Begin and never cease!”

The Eveing Prayer

Offertory
O Holy Night
Mr. Tom Adams
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The Ministry of the Word

“What Christmas Means to Me”
Matthew 2:1-12