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### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

December 24th Office Closed

December 25th Office Closed

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 4:00 pm



**Northbrook Covenant Church**

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December 24, 2020



## **Celebration of Worship Christmas Eve 2020**

### **Prelude**

*“What Child is This” Daniel Wollin & Bonnie Stephens*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Advent Candle Lighting and Reading**

*Luke 2:28-34, John 1:14*                      *The O’Hara Family*

### **Call to Worship**

Chimes    Instrumental

*“Come You People of the Promise”*      #130 vs. 1 & 3

1) Come you people of the promise, sing for joy! The time is near! God, the covenant fulfilling, soon among us will appear! As proclaimed in prophet’s story, Christ will come in humble glory— God with us, Emmanuel!

3) God’s own Son shall dwell among us; shadows vanish in that light, Earth shall know his peace and justice; Christ who comes shall rule in might. Let our joy dispel all sadness; he who comes turns tears to gladness—God with us, Emmanuel!

*Spoken:* Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

### **Carol Sing**

*“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*      #159 vs. 1 & 2

1) Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth; you who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

2) Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light; Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*    #147

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.

2) 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.

3) Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, O Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him. Christ, the Lord.

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*    #162

1) angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

2) Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heavenly song. Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear” #153 vs. 1 & 4*

1) It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold; “Peace on the earth, good will to all from heav’n’s most gracious King!” The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

4) For lo, the days are hast’ning on, by prophets long foretold, when with the ever circling years comes round the age of gold; when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

*“It’s Christmas” CCLI song #7050425*

*Soloist: Molly O’Hara*

*“Away in the Manger” CCLI song #38583*

It’s Christmas! The angels are singing, and I know the reason; the Savior is born. It’s Christmas! The bells are ringing, and I feel like shouting “Joy to the World!” (2X)

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, a sleep on the hay.

2) 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 ‘til morning is nigh.

3) 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.

It’s Christmas! The angels are singing, and I know the reason; the Savior is born. It’s Christmas! The bells are ringing, and I feel like shouting “Joy to the World!” “Joy to the World!” “Joy to the World!”

*“Go Tell it on the Mountain” CCLI Song #29080*

*Chorus: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere; Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

1) While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Chorus*

2) The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior’s birth. *Chorus*

3) Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Chorus*

It’s Christmas! The angels are singing, and I know the reason; the Savior is born. It’s Christmas! The bells are ringing, and I feel like shouting “Joy to the World!” “Joy to the World!” “Joy to the World!”

**Our Church at Prayer**

## Song of Preparation

*"Christmas Lullaby"* Duet: Dawn & Caroline Lauber  
Words & Music by Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

Are you far away from home this dark and lonely night? Tell me what best would help to ease your mind: Someone to give direction for this unfamiliar road or one who says, "Follow Me and I will lead you home?"

How beautiful, how precious the Savior of old, to love so completely the loneliest soul. How gently, how tenderly He says to one and all, "Child, you can follow Me and I will lead you home. Trust Me and follow Me, and I will lead you home."

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. Take us heaven, to live with Thee there.

### Scripture

José González

*Luke 2:1-14*

### Meditation

José González

*"God For Everyone"*

### Sending Song

*"Silent Night"*

#172

*Intro in German sung by Daniel Wollin*

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.

2) Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

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.

## Benediction

### Postlude

Vera Vasilenko

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*



Thank you to those serving in our worship.

Officiant & Preacher: José González

Technical Editor: Thomas Cellilli

Scripture Reader:

Pianist: Vera Vasilenko

Worship Team: Dawn Lauber, Vera Vasilenko

Daniel Wollin, Bonnie Stephens,

Mary Lynn Dornfeld, Molly O'Hara,

Jan Dwight, Caroline Lauber

*Merry*   
*Christmas* 