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for designing and making the abstract manger on the Communion Table

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for decorating the sanctuary and narthex so beautifully

Lehman Sanctuary Choir

Disciples

Kids Chorus & Prayze Workshop

Lehman Ringers

Youth Bells

Cross Connection Team

Sound Operators

Our Readers, Greeters, Candle Lighters, Ushers and Acolytes



IT'S TIME TO UNWRAP THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Services

December 24, 2017

LEHMAN MEMORIAL CHURCH
HATBORO, PENNSYLVANIA

Welcome

to Christmas Services at Lehman Memorial Church

December 24, 2017



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Oh come
let us
adore
Him



Service of Lessons and Carols at Eleven o'clock

PRELUDE	<i>Blessed Be That Maid Mary</i>	Woodward
▲ CHIMES		
▲ CALL TO WORSHIP	Pastor Nancy Ludwig	
Pastor:	Into the darkness of our world.	
People:	Lord Jesus, come.	
Pastor:	Into the darkness in our hearts.	
People:	Lord Jesus, come, this holy night.	
▲ HYMN	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful (1,2,3,6)</i>	No. 234
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE		
Pastor:	As we light the Christ Candle,	
People:	Light of the world, shine on us. Light of the world, shine through us. Light of the world, light the way.	
INTERLUDE	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	Reed
▲ NATIVITY GOSPEL	John 1:1-18	Pew Bible/NT p. 91
HOMILY	<i>The Soul of Christmas</i>	Pastor Bill Lentz
OFFERING WITH ANTHEM	<i>Is There Room at the Manger for Me?</i> Sanctuary Choir	Beall
PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING	<i>Doxology</i>	No. 94

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

OPENING PRAYER

ORGAN SOLO	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	
FIRST LESSON	Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19	
CAROL	<i>Blessed Be the God of Israel (1,2)</i>	No. 209
SECOND LESSON	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9, 11; 7:14; 9:2	
CAROL	<i>Love Came Down at Christmas</i>	No. 242
THIRD LESSON	Micah 5:2-5a	
CAROL	<i>My Master, See, the Time Has Come</i>	No. 226
FOURTH LESSON	Luke 1:26-38	
CAROL	<i>Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy</i>	No. 235
FIFTH LESSON	Luke 1:46-55	
CAROL	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	No. 229
SIXTH LESSON	Luke 2:1-7	
CAROL	<i>What Child Is This (1,2)</i>	No. 219
SEVENTH LESSON	Luke 2:8-16	
CAROL	<i>While Shepherd's Watched Their Flocks (1,2,6)</i>	No. 236

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

CONFESSION, PARDON, AND PEACE

O God, we confess we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us and the world. We cling to worldly things and trust ourselves too much. Save your people, O God. Forgive every sin. Heal every sorrow. Make right every wrong. Wipe away every tear. Free us to live as the light of the world. Hear our prayer for light and truth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

GREAT THANKSGIVING OF CHRISTMAS EVE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, Merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this sacrament of your Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND WINE

ANTHEM

Lamb of God
Sanctuary Choir

Mitchell

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

▲ PROCESSION TO THE NATIVITY

▲ BLESSING THE NATIVITY SCENE

▲ CANDLE LIGHTING – *As you pass the light to your neighbor, remember to keep the lighted candle upright and tip the unlighted one into the flame. During the candle lighting, we will sing all stanzas of Franz Gruber's beloved "Silent Night," No. 239.*

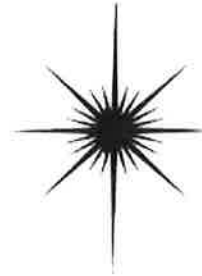
▲ DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Unto Us is Born a Son*

Woodward



Joy to the world
The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart
Prepare Him room



Family Christmas Eve at Four o'clock

PRELUDE	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> Isabelle Baldi & Taylor Campeau, Pianists	Keveren
WELCOME	Katelyn Borcheck & Pastor Bill Lentz	
▲ PROCESSION	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> (1,2,3,6)	No. 234
▲ CALL TO WORSHIP	Riley & Pam Pietro	
Leader:	Once upon a starry night, angels sang with great delight.	
People:	Come to the stable to see Jesus tonight.	
Leader:	Follow the star that shines so bright!	
People:	Come to the stable to see Jesus tonight.	
Leader:	Come and adore the newborn king;	
People:	Come to the stable to see Jesus tonight.	
Leader:	Lift your voice and sing, sing, sing!	
People :	Come to the stable to see Jesus tonight.	
All:	Worship our Lord, our Savior, the newborn King!	
OPENING PRAYING	Julia Pena & Lois Beck	
	Lord Jesus in these changing and uncertain times we need you more than ever! Please come close to us tonight and help us to see that your coming has changed everything. Help us to see you in the light of your love for us. We ask that you come into our hearts and take that special place that only you can fill.	
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-7 Ethan & Bob Campman	

STORY

by Samara & Josh Selsor

Jesse foretold the coming of a very special baby, the baby Jesus. And yes, he is born, but sometimes we are so distracted by the lights and the gifts and the tinsel that his birth in a land far away, seems, just that, so very far, far away!

ANTHEM

'Twas the Light Before Christmas

arr. Summers

Kids Chorus with Soloist, Katelyn Borcheck

CAROL

There's a Song in the Air

No. 249

MEDITATION

Pastor Nancy Ludwig

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-16

Naomi Tinney

STORY

by Katelyn Borcheck

What is it then, that unites us? What did everyone look up and see? The STAR! We need to remember that God's gift was for all. We must believe that He wanted everyone to know of the birth and what better way, than a star bright enough for all to see?

ANTHEM

Once Upon a Starry Night

Grier

Prayze Workshop & Kids Chorus

MEDITATION

Pastor Luky Cotto

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Prayer

Tessa and Ellen Moyle

Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter

Sherman

Youth Bells

▲ CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

As you pass the light to your neighbor, remember to keep the lighted candle upright and tip the unlit candle into the flame.

CAROL	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem (1,2)</i>	No. 230
CAROL	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	No. 239
CHRISTMAS BLESSING	Pastor Bill	
RESPONSE	<i>Joy to the World (1)</i>	No. 246
POSTLUDE		

Ushers: Riley, Madison, Brian & Pam Pietro, Ethan & Becky Campman
 Greeters: Tessa Moyle and Evon Moyle, Alex and Lisa Selsor
 Head Candle Lighters: Ellen Moyle and Katelyn Borchek





The Word Became Flesh

Cross Connection Christmas Eve at Seven o'clock

WELCOME SONG	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	
WELCOME & GREETING/COVENANT OF FRIENDSHIP		Pastor Nancy Ludwig
VIDEO	<i>Christ is Born!</i>	Pastor Bill Lentz
WORSHIP SONG	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	
OPENING PRAYER		
SCRIPTURE	<i>Unwrap the Gift of the Prophets: Isaiah 9: 2-7</i>	Hope Jacobus
MEDITATION		
WORSHIP SONG	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	
SCRIPTURE	<i>Unwrap the Gift of the Gospel: John 1: 1-8</i>	Pastor Nancy Ludwig
MEDITATION		
WORSHIP SONG	<i>Midnight Clear (Love Song)</i>	
SCRIPTURE	<i>Unwrap the Gift of Revelation: Revelation 21: 1-6</i>	Ellen Moyle
MEDITATION		
WORSHIP SONG	<i>'Til the Whole World Hears</i>	
HOLY COMMUNION & OFFERING		
PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD/LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE		
CANDLE LIGHTING	<i>O Holy Night & Silent Night</i>	
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CHRISTMAS CREED/CHRISTMAS BLESSING		



GLORY
to the
NEWBORN
King



Classic Christmas Eve at Ten o'clock

PRELUDE	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> Isabelle Baldi & Taylor Campeau, Pianists	Keveren
ANTHEM	<i>Come to the Stable</i> Sanctuary Choir with Disciples Olivia Cieri, Soloist Cheryl Cunningham on Harp & Doris Dungan on Flute	Cornell
▲ CALL TO WORSHIP		Taylor Campeau
Leader:	Into the darkness of our world.	
People:	Lord Jesus, come.	
Leader:	Into the darkness in our hearts.	
People:	Lord Jesus, come, this holy night.	
▲ HYMN	<i>Hark, the Herald Angels Sing</i>	No. 240
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE		Olivia Cieri
Leader:	As we light the Christ Candle,	
People:	Light of the world, shine on us. Light of the world, shine through us. Light of the world, light the way.	
OPENING PRAYER		Ben Iaia
O God of profound love, we rejoice in celebrating the birth of Jesus. He came so long ago among the poor and forgotten to bring the rich power of your grace to make us new. As you have blessed us with life, length of days, noble work, and people to love us, so now let our lives be spent loving and blessing others. With the whole earth, with the host of heaven, we shout for joy in the coming of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
INTERLUDE	<i>When candles are lighted</i>	Trad. French
FIRST READING	Isaiah 9:2-7 Ellen Moyle	Pew Bible/OT p. 638

▲ HYMN	<i>'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime</i> Stanza 1 Choir; Stanzas 2-4 Congregation	No. 244
CANTICLE OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS	Charlotte Schultz	No. 205, Response 3
SECOND READING	Revelation 21:1-6 Anthony Branco	Pew Bible/NT p. 259
▲ HYMN	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	No. 230
▲ GOSPEL READING	John 1:1-18 Catie Smith	Pew Bible/NT p. 91
▲ HYMN	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	No. 250
SERMON	<i>The Soul of Christmas</i>	Pastor Bill Lentz
▲ HYMN	<i>There's a Song in the Air</i>	No. 249
OFFERING WITH DUET	<i>Gesu, Bambino</i> Cheryl Cunningham on Harp and Doris Dungan on Flute	arr. Webb
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	<i>Doxology</i>	No. 94

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BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND WINE

ANTHEM	<i>What Child is This?</i>	Arr. Fleury & Owens
	<i>Winter from the Four Seasons</i>	Vivaldi
	Duet: Cheryl Cunningham on Harp and Doris Dugan on Flute	

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANTHEM	<i>Gentle Mary, Tender Mary</i>	Althouse
	Sanctuary Choir and Disciples	
	Cheryl Cunningham on Harp	

▲ PROCESSION TO THE NATIVITY

▲ CANDLE LIGHTING Pastor Bill, Charlotte Schultz, and Isabelle Baldi

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▲ CHRISTMAS BLESSING

▲ RESPONSE *Joy to the World (1)* No. 246

POSTLUDE *Toccata* Peeters

