

Christmas Eve Service

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La Bienvenida | Welcome

Welcome

Pastor Sally

La Luz de Adviento | Advent Candle Lighting

Flokstra/Udoewa Family

We light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Canción | Song

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Shiowei Chen

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

Oh pueblecito de Belén,
Cuán quieto tú estás.
Los astros en silencio dan
Su bella luz en paz.
Mas en tus calles brilla
La luz de redención
Que da a todo hombre
La eterna salvación.

Reflecciones | Reflections

Pastor Maria

La Natividad | The Nativity Story*

Prologue

(From Isaiah 40, NRSV)

Nick: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Caitlin: Comfort, O comfort ALL my people, says our God.

John: A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

Brooke: In EVERY wilderness, make a way.

Nick: “Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.”

Caitlin: Cause EVERYTHING that is uneven to become level.

John: “Then the glory of God shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of God has spoken.”

Brooke : Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him “Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” (Isaiah 7:14)

All: Emmanuel, God is with us.

Canción | Song

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Tim Shaw

**Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!**

**Ve, dilo en las montañas,
En todas partes y alrededor
Ve, dilo en las montañas
Que Cristo el Rey nació.**

**While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light**

**En un pesebre humilde
El Cristo ya nació
De Dios amor sublime
Al mundo descendió.**

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

(From Luke 1, NRSV)

Nick: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, of the house of David. And Gabriel came to Mary and said,

Angel (Lauren): “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”

Caitlin: But Mary was much perplexed by the angel’s words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said,,

Angel (Seli): “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Mary (Cammie/Nathalie): Mary said to the angel, “How can this be?”

Angel (Lauren): The angel said, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you. Therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.”

Mary (Cammie/Nathalie): Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.”

This is Mary's song:

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for God has looked with favor on the lowly servant. Surely, from now on all generations
will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is
God's name.

God's mercy is for those who fear God
from generation to generation.

God has shown a strong arm;
and has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

God has helped servant Israel,
in remembrance of the God's mercy,
according to the promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants
forever."

All: Emmanuel, God is with us.

Canción | Song

The First Noel

Madison Mayhew/Jeremiah Siochi

**The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!**

The Birth of Jesus (From Luke 2, NRSV)

John: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world
should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was
governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Brooke : Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of
David called Bethlehem, because Joseph was descended from the house and family of
David. Joseph went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who
was expecting a child.

Nick: While they were there, the time came for Mary to deliver the child. Mary gave
birth to this firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger,
because there was no place for them in the inn.

All: Emmanuel, God is with us.

The Shepherds and the Angels

(From Luke 2, NRSV)

Caitlin: In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

Angel (Lauren): “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

John: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

Angel (Seli): “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!”

Brooke : When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

Shepherds (Rachel and Ruthie): “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which God has made known to us.”

Nick: So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

Caitlin: But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

John: The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Brooke : All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by God through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him ‘Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’”

Canción | Song

O Come All Ye Faithful | Venid Fieles Todos

Rhea Williams

**Venid, fieles todos,
A Belén marchemos,
De gozo triunfantes,
Henchidos de amor.
Y al rey de los cielos
Contemplar podremos;
¡Venid, adoremos,
Venid, adoremos,
Venid, adoremos
A Cristo el Señor!**

**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!**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Flokstra/Udoewa Family

Tonight we light the Christ Candle!

Why do we light this candle?

We light this candle to remember that Jesus is like a light in the darkness.

God, thank you for Jesus. When we feel like things are dark and sad or scary, help us to remember that Jesus is like a bright light in the darkness. Help us to learn how to care about the things that Jesus cares about. Amen.

Canción | Song

Silent Night | Noche de Paz

Alison Reyes Sorto

As you are able, bring your candlelight close to your screen and dim the lights in your home so that we can share light with one another.

**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
Noche de paz, noche de amor
Todo duerme en derredor
Entre los astros que esparcen su luz
Ella anunciando el niño Jesús
Brilla la estrella de paz
Brilla la estrella de paz.**

Benediction

All: Emmanuel, God is with us. God is with ALL of us.

Nick: There is no where that God is not. There are no folk whom God does not love.

Caitlin: There are no things that God cannot restore. There is no hurt that God cannot comfort.

John: We remember God's promises with joy. We resolve to love when doing the work of love is hard.

Brooke: Jesus, the light of the world, has come to us. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: Emmanuel, God is with us.

**This text uses inclusive or gender neutral language for God and those changes have been made to what, otherwise, comes from the NRSV. Changes have also been made to use names rather than personal pronouns when possible. There are important reasons to consider using gender neutral language for Jesus, also, though this telling relies on more traditional gendered language for Jesus, and for Mary and Joseph.*

Himno de Navidad | Christmas Hymn

“Joy to the World | Al Mundo Paz”
David Simmons/Michael Polscer

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**God rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of God's righteousness
And wonders of God's love, and wonders of God's love
And wonders, wonders of God's love**

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Contact the Deacon of the Week, Eva Powell with your cares or concerns:
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Remember in Prayer

Family and friends of Judy Mein; Middle Collegiate Church, after losing its beloved sanctuary to a fire; Family and friends of Gwen Goodman, niece of Rick Goodman; Friends and family of Akua Afriyie Achempong, Salima Appiah-Duffell's cousin; John Jorgensen, Eric Jorgensen's brother. Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Loved ones of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and all who are unjustly taken from this life by the sin of white supremacy. Each and every one of us, particularly the most vulnerable among us as we face the effects of COVID-19 together. Gilles Bikindou, of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, NC; Sue Bollinger, Michelle Harris-Love's mother; Maria Isabel Bueso; Luis Campos, Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Dorothy Dale, Amy Dale's aunt; Francine Glandt, Dick and Marilyn Glandt's daughter-in-law; Rosa Gutierrez, guest in sanctuary at Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, Bethesda MD; Argentina Jiguan; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Anna Kneifel, The Langford Family; Rich Madigan, Nancy Martin, Claudia Moore's friend; Judy Mein; Carmen Myers, Theresa Beaton's cousin; Alison Peebles, Royce Rice, Courtney Miller's father; Roxana Rodezno, Lorena Pereira's sister-in-law; Lilia Ross, friend of Liubov Russell; Brian Scott, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi's brother and Salima Appiah-Duffell's uncle; Jackie Sellers, Janice Glover's sister; Farooq Shabazz, Sakeenah Shabazz's brother; Ruby Shepherd; Dr. Lilia Stoycheva, friend of Liubov Russell; Olive Tiller; Desmond Tio, friend of Karla Fahey; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents. In light of the effect of the policy decisions that continue to be made by the current administration to challenge the dignity and worth of immigrant lives, we lift up prayer of lament-and-hope on behalf of Holy Families who seek justice, reunification, and basic human rights. We also lift up prayers of anger-and-hope that the hearts of elected and appointed officials would turn from stone to flesh for the sake of their souls and the soul of this nation. Peace in El Salvador, refugees, asylum seekers, and immigration reform. Victims of gun violence, racial reconciliation and justice everywhere; people targeted with hate crimes. Peace in our world, especially those impacted by war, violence, and government turmoil. Our collective response to resisting white supremacy. Victims of terror everywhere. Our Nicaraguan, Honduran, Haitian and Salvadoran brothers and sisters impacted by the decimation of Temporary Protected Status.

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