



Plymouth  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE  
FAMILY SERVICE  
DECEMBER 24, 2021



# Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

December 24, 2021 - Christmas Eve Family Service

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*This celebration has been created to include the entire family. We expect the Sanctuary to be a lively place! Every child is invited to participate as an angel or shepherd. Costumes are available in the Narthex.*

*If you need a place to calm your infant, please feel free to go to the Narthex (at the rear of the Sanctuary) or the Infant Room next to the nursery. The service will be broadcast live in the Infant Room.*

*When you see an \* and if you can do so comfortably, please stand.*

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## Prelude

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

arr. Joel Raney

Linda Mannering & Kim Manz, piano duet

## Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

## \*Opening Carol

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

(See next page, vs. 1,3, &4)

## Call to Worship *(Bold text read in unison)*

One: We have seen darkness in the world around us.  
So we have come in search of the light.

**Many: A child is born for us!**

One: We light these candles as a sign of hope, peace, joy,  
and love shining in the night.

**Many: A child is born for us!**

One: We come to see the child that has been born,

**Many: A child is born for us!**

One: We come to gather in the glow of the stable,

**Many: A child is born for us!**

One: We come to sing with angels and wonder with shepherds.

**Many: A child is born for us!**

One: Come and worship, worship the one  
who is born for us this day.

**All: A child is born for us!**

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

*Refrain*

born the King of an - gels!  
got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
glo - ry in the high - est!  
now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

**Musical Offering**

“The First Noel” arr. Carol Matz  
McCarty Lamb & Linda Mannering, piano duet

“Carol of the Bells” arr. Carol Matz  
Meyer Lamb & Linda Mannering, piano duet

**First Reading**

Luke 1:26-35, 38

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a woman engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The woman’s name was Mary.

And the angel came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”

But Mary was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, “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 the Lord 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 said to the angel, “How can this be?”

The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.”

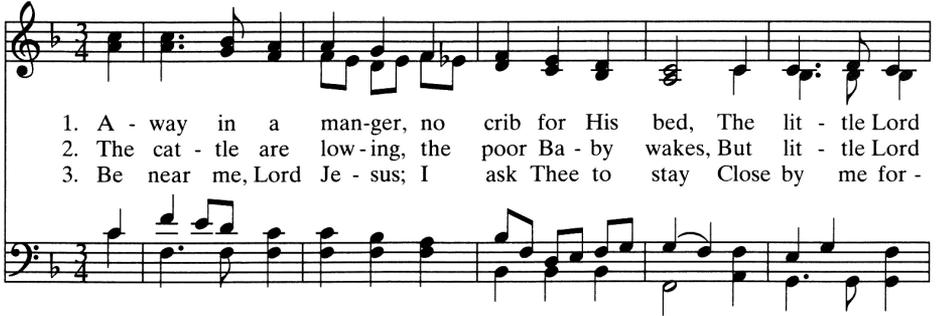
Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.”

Then the angel departed from her.

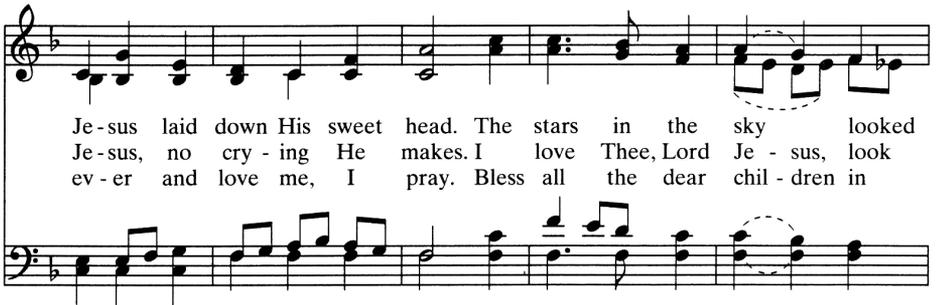
**Carol**

“Away in a Manger” (See next page)

# Away in a Manger



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for His bed, The lit - tle Lord  
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the poor Ba - by wakes, But lit - tle Lord  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -



Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked  
Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look  
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky, And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.

## Second Reading

Luke 2:1-20

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. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her 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.

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. (***Shepherds are invited to sit on the chancel steps at this time***)

But the angel said to them, “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.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” (***Angels are invited to sit on the chancel steps at this time***)

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

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

## **Solo**

Wanda Herron

“Some Children See Him”

Lyrics by Wihla Hutson, Music by Alfred Burt

## **Third Reading**

Luke 2:19

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

**\*Carol**

**“Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

*Refrain*

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

The Refrain consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the melody, and the bass clef staff contains the accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, Bb2, D3, F3, G3, Bb3, D4, F4, G4, Bb4, D5, F5, G5.

*Fine*

Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

The Fine consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the melody, and the bass clef staff contains the accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody ends with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, Bb2, D3, F3, G3, Bb3, D4, F4, G4, Bb4, D5, F5, G5.

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,

The first three verses are set to the same musical notation as the Refrain. The treble clef staff contains the melody, and the bass clef staff contains the accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, Bb2, D3, F3, G3, Bb3, D4, F4, G4, Bb4, D5, F5, G5.

*D.C.*

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.

The Double Coda consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the melody, and the bass clef staff contains the accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, Bb2, D3, F3, G3, Bb3, D4, F4, G4, Bb4, D5, F5, G5.

*the children will participate in a Nativity parade. angel & shepherd guides will usher the children up and down the aisles and then back to their seats during the final verse.*

# Light of the World

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

## Carol

“Silent Night”

*At this time, parents may distribute and lift up candles.*

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon  
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight, Glo - ries  
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant  
4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light; With the

vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
stream from heav-en a - far, Heav-en-ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia;  
beams from Thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,  
an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.  
Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."  
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.  
Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.

**Lord's Prayer** *(Join in reading)*

**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. Amen.**

**\*Carol**

“Joy to the World”

*(See next page, vs. 1 & 4)*



# Joy to the World!

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -  
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us our  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,  
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow  
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,

And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture  
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His  
 And heaven and na - ture sing,

And

sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing,  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

*The Christmas Eve offering at Plymouth is one of the congregation's gifts to the Lawrence community and beyond. The Offering will be split equitably among three areas: The Plymouth Language Program, Justice Matters, and the United Church of Christ's "Our Church's Wider Mission."*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

"Silent Night"

arr. Joel Raney

Linda Mannering & Kim Manz, piano duet

# Participants in the Service

**Director**

Charlotte MacFarland

**Soloist**

Wanda Herron

**Musicians**

Linda Mannering  
Meyer & McCarty Lamb  
Kim Manz

**Worship Leaders**

Braeden Soderstrom  
Anna Anderson  
Jackson Zinn

**The Holy Family**

Elizabeth Anderson  
Hayden Slough  
Mads Gustafson

**Cameraman and Video Broadcast**

Jeremy Winfrey

**Sound and Lights**

Gretchen Meyer

*Join us for a Hymn Sing worship service for the whole family  
this Sunday, December 26, at 9:30 a.m.*

*Join us any Sunday at 9:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. for worship.  
Nursery care is available all morning.  
Sunday School is offered at the 9:30 a.m. service.*

*For more information about our worship and programs, visit our website at  
[www.plymouthlawrence.com](http://www.plymouthlawrence.com)*

# CHRISTMAS EVE



## PLYMOUTH'S GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY

The Christmas Eve Celebration offering at Plymouth Church is one of this congregation's gifts to the Lawrence community. The offering will be split equitably among three programs of most need as determined by Plymouth's Mission and Service Board. These areas are as follows:

### EDUCATION

Plymouth Language Program



### SOCIAL JUSTICE

Justice Matters



### MISSION

Our Church's Wider Mission

You may place your cash donation or check, payable to Plymouth Church, in a special green offering envelope you will find in this bulletin. Baskets with green ribbons will be available at each of the exits tonight where you may deposit your gift. The congregation of Plymouth Church is grateful for your generosity. Because of you, we are able to carry the Light of Christ out into the world tonight.



Digital Giving

# Christmas Eve Concert

December 24, 2021  
7:30 PM

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” arr. Lennie Niehaus  
Brass Quartet

“Jesus What a Wonderful Child” arr. Rollo Dilworth  
Vocal Trio

“Cantique De Noel” arr. Lennie Niehaus  
Brass Quartet

“My Grown Up Christmas List” arr. Mark Hayes  
Vocal Trio

“We Three Kings” arr. Lennie Niehaus  
Brass Quartet

“Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day” arr. John Rutter  
Vocal Trio

“Angels We Have Heard on High” arr. Lennie Niehaus  
Brass Quartet

“Joy to the World” arr. Lennie Niehaus  
Brass Quartet

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## Vocal Trio

Jennifer Forman  
Genée Figueras  
Mary Marathe

## Brass Quartet

Mike Jones, trumpet  
Raef Landes, trumpet  
Darrell Cox, trombone  
Connor Jones, trombone



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**OR @ 9:30 AM**



Merry Christmas

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