

WORD OF WELCOME*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

One: In the sky, a star shone bright, conquering the gloom of night
All: **Heralding a wondrous birth, God's own Son now comes to earth!**
One: Filled with wonder, let us now humbly at the manger bow
All: **And with joyful hearts we sing, for this child is Christ the King!**

HYMNO Come, All Ye Faithful**Hymnal #249 (Verses 1 & 2)*

Verse 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!

Verse 2: Sing, choirs of angels! Sing in exultation
Sing, all you citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, 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!

THE FIRST VISITOR*Isaiah****HYMN***O Little Town of Bethlehem**Hymnal #250 (Verses 1 & 3)*

Verse 1: 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.

Verse 3: How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

THE SECOND VISITOR*Gabriel****HYMN***It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**Hymnal #251 (Verses 1 & 4)*

Verse 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 men, from heaven's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Verse 4: For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

THE THIRD VISITOR

Mary

*HYMN

Away In A Manger

Hymnal #261 (Verses 1 & 3)

Verse 1: Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head,
 The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Verse 3: Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask You to stay
 Close by me forever and love me, I pray
 Bless all the dear children in Your tender care
 And fit us for heaven, to live with You there

THE FOURTH VISITOR

A Shepherd

*HYMN

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Hymnal #258 (Verses 1 & 3)

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere!
 Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

Verse 1: While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
 Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light! *Refrain*

Verse 3: Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born
 And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

THE FIFTH VISITOR

A Wise Man

*HYMN

We Three Kings

Hymnal #288 (Verse 1)

Verse 1: We three kings of orient are bearing gifts, we traverse afar;
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
 Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
 Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect Light!

OFFERTORY

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Charlotte Hickman, Violin

PRAYER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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.**

*HYMN

Silent Night

Hymnal #253 (Verses 1 & 2)

Verse 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.

Verse 2: Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
 Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia!"
 Christ, the Savior is born; Christ, the Savior is born.

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