

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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Prelude J. Noel Lance
O Come, All Ye Faithful Jeff Bennett

Words of Gathering Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

***Expression of Fellowship** Congregation

***Call to Praise** Stacey, Russell, Addison, & Alexander Norris

ONE: The angels announced God's good news and the world was changed forever!

ALL: We follow the shepherds to see the baby in the manger who changes our lives day by day!

ONE: Joy to the world! The Lord is come to change our lives and to change our world.

ALL: Joy to the world! The Lord is come! The Lord is come!

***Carol** Joy to the World
ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

Glory to the Newborn King

***Carol** Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

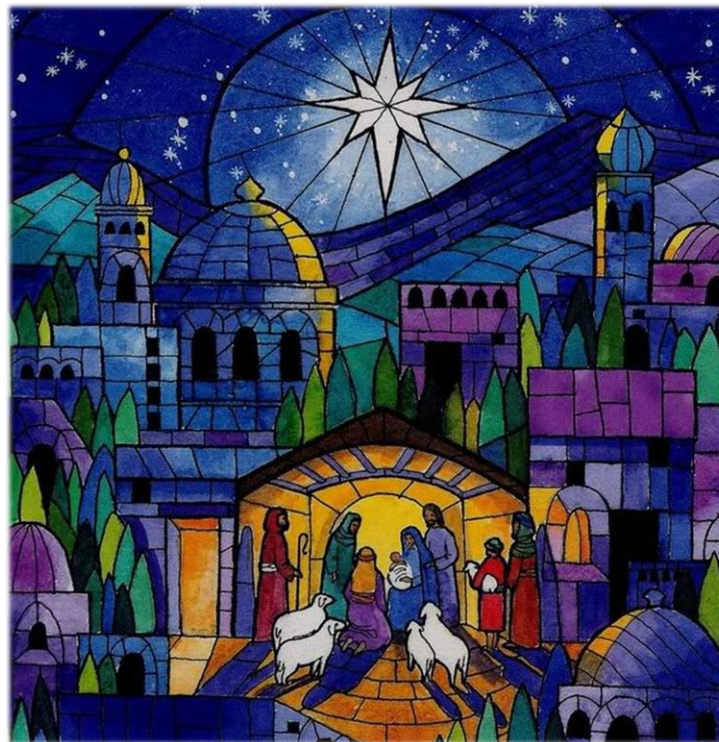
Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in his wings,
mild he lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

***Reading of the Gospel** *Luke 2:1-14* Rev. Allison Benfield

Peace on Earth and Mercy Mild, God and Sinners Reconciled!

Solo Kim Blanchard
O Holy Night Adolph Adams



All children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary at this time.

Moments with the Younger Church Dr. Foust
story, Story, STORY

A Christmas Prayer Dr. Foust

***Carol** The First Noel
THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel, the angel 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.

Refrain:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

*During this carol, deacons should come forward
to the front pews reserved for them.*

Offertory Prayer Todd Stillerman

We Bring Our Gifts to the Christ Child

Offertory J. Noel Lance
On Christmas Night All Christians Sing Anna Laura Page

Words of Meditation

God's love made visible! Incomprehensible! Christ is invincible! His love shall reign! From love so bountiful, blessings uncountable make death surmountable! His love shall reign! Joyfully pray for peace and good will! All of our yearning he will fulfill. Live in a loving way! Praise him for every day! Open your hearts and pray. His love shall reign! God gave the Son to us to dwell as one of us – a blessing unto us! His love shall reign! To him all honor bring, heaven and earth will sing, praising our Lord and King! His love shall reign! Open all doors this day of his birth, all of good will inherit the earth. His star will always be guiding humanity throughout eternity! His love shall reign!

***Presentation of Our Gifts to God**

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
Christ the Lord.

Carol What Child Is This
GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. [Chorus]

So, bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. [Chorus]



*Joyful All Ye Nations Rise,
Join the Triumph of the Skies*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

St. John's observes the communion tradition of an OPEN TABLE. This is the Lord's Table, and all are welcome here. No person is excluded from Christ's broad invitation for any reason. "Come to me," Jesus said.

Serving of the Bread and Cup

*With Angelic Host Proclaim,
"Christ is Born in Bethlehem!"*

A Moment of Mindfulness

Sleep Little Tiny Baby

Chancel Choir
James Kevin Gray

Sleep little, tiny baby. Sleep little, holy child. You are the hope of the nations. Sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep. Sleep while the angels sing to you. Sleep holy child while the angels sing so sweet. You were sent to lead us, teach us how to love.

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. Sleep, little child, so meek and mild. Sleep holy one.

***Carol of Proclamation**

Silent Night
STILLE NACHT

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!

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.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born, Christ, the Savior, is born.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, December 30 -First Sunday after Christmas

Proclaimer: J. Kevin Gray

Homily: *Where Are You Headed?*

What Star Are You Following? Sailors and Navigators.

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1 - 12

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Dec. 23	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	9:15 am	A Charlie Brown Christmas & Cocoa (Broach)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, Dec. 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
Tuesday, Dec. 25		Church Offices Closed-Merry Christmas!
Wed., Dec. 26		Church Offices Closed
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Friday, Dec. 28	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge, Gym)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Dec. 29	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Kid's Basketball (Gym)
Sunday, Dec. 30	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School (Classrooms)
	9:15 am	Blood Drive (Lasater Hall)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, Dec. 31	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Jan. 1		Church Offices Closed-Happy New Year!
	4:00 pm	South Sudanese Gathering (Broach Hall)
Wed., Jan. 2	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Friday, Jan. 4	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge, Gym)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Jan. 5	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	10:00 am	Basketball Games (Gym)

Have you included St. John's in your estate planning?

Membership and Ministry

If you would like information on how you can become a member of St. John's, please call the church office (704.333.5428) or fill out one of the "For Our Guests" cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. One of our ministers will be happy to reach out to you and answer any questions you may have. Visit our website to find out more information regarding the many ministry opportunities available in the life of St. John's.

Ministers

Every participant in God's Servant Church

Equipping Ministers

Senior Minister..... Rev. Dennis Foust, PhD
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Allison Benfield
Minister for Worship and Music J. Kevin Gray
Minister for Youth and Young Adults..... Rev. Lee Gray

Church Staff

Church Administrator Jacquelyn McAbee
Administrative Assistant Mallory Brown
Weekday School Director Lydia Olmsted
Organist..... J. Noel Lance
Custodians Chris Mullis, Sonny Ross, Debora Thon

The Worship of God



Candles, Carols, and Communion

*Monday, December 24, 2018
Christmas Eve Service of Worship
5:00 PM*

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