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A CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service

*“The light shines in the darkness,
 and the darkness did not overcome it...”*

— John 1:5

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021
6:00 P.M.



FBC provides nursery and preschool care during Worship for our infants and children through age 5. The classroom is located down the hallway through the right door under the exit sign at the front of the sanctuary.

* Please stand as you are able

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach

Welcome and Invocation Rev. Dan Schumacher

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 #103 "O Come All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

*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!*

CHORUS:

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

*Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation.
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!*

Passing the Light

Rev. Dan Schumacher

* Carol #134 "Silent Night, Holy Night" STILLE NACHT
Shazia Ali, Lori Miskel, Michelle Thomas, and Chelsea Wood

*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.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.
Glory streams 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.*

Benediction

Rev. Dan Schumacher

Postlude "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
REGENT SQUARE

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Tonight's offering will directly support FBC's new ministry project, Care and Share's Mobile Food Pantry. Beginning January 7, the FBC parking lot will serve as the mobile food pantry's host site on the first Fridays of each month. The mobile food pantries provide commodities to individuals and families in the Colorado Springs area.

Our tithes and offering will be collected by our ushers at the doors at the conclusion of the service or online via Pushpay by texting "FBCCS" to (833) 418-8943.

All scripture in today's service is from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).

Fifth Reading

Christen Schumacher

The shepherds said to one another, “Now, let us go straight to Bethlehem and see this thing which the Lord has made known to us.” So, they went as fast as they could and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger. And when they had seen this sight, they told everyone what had been said to them about the little child.

Anthem

“We Believe”

arr. Mauldin

Sixth Reading

James Dockum

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he that is born King of the Jews?”

The star, which they had seen in the East, went in front of them until at last it shone immediately above the place where the little baby lay.

The sight of the star filled them with indescribable joy. So they went into the house and found the little child with his mother, Mary. And they fell on their knees and worshiped him. Then they opened up their treasures and presented him with gifts—gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Lighting of the King Candles

Musical Reflection

“We Three Kings”

KINGS OF ORIENT

Homily

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Rev. Dan Schumacher

Seventh Reading

Christen Schumacher

Musical Reflection

“O Holy Night”

arr. Linda Chapman
Shazia Ali and Michelle Thomas

CHORUS

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!*

CHORUS

Call to Worship

“The World Still Knows” Christen Schumacher
by Ann Weems

Musical Reflection

“What Child Is This?”

Jones

First Reading

Christen Schumacher

And it came to pass in those days that a proclamation was made by Caesar Augustus that all of the inhabited world should be registered. This was the first census undertaken while Quirinius was governor of Syria; and everyone went to the town of their birth to be registered.

Joseph went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the city of David, Bethlehem, in Judea, because he was a direct descendant of David, to be registered with his future wife Mary, who was with child.

Lighting of the Mary and Joseph Candles

Musical Reflection

“Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)”
FBC Chancel Choir

arr. Courtney

Second Reading

James Dockum

And, while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to be delivered. She gave birth to her first child, a son. There was no place for them inside the inn, so she laid him in a manger.

* Carol #132

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

CAROL

*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, goodwill to men,
From heavn’s all gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing*

*For lo, the days are hast’ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years comes round the age of gold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angles sing*

Third Reading

Christen Schumacher

There were shepherds living in the same part of the country, keeping guard throughout the night over their flocks in the open fields.

Lighting of the Shepherd Candles

Carol #124

“The First Nowell”

THE FIRST NOWELL

*The first Nowell, 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.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

*For all to see there was 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.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel*

Fourth Reading

James Dockum

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord stood before them, the splendor of the Lord blazed upon them, and they were terror stricken. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! Listen, I bring you glorious news of great joy which is for all the people. This very day, in the city of David, a Savior has been born for you. He is Christ the Lord. Let this prove it to you. You will find a baby, wrapped up and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a vast host of the armies of heaven, praising God, saying, “Glory to God in the highest; and on earth, peace among those of good will.”

Lighting of the Angel Candles

* Carol #102

“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come!”

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*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.*

*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.*