



Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

5:00 & 7:00p

PRELUDE

(5:00) “O Come, Little Children”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

(7:00) “Carillon on Ukrainian Bell Carol

Gerald Near

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT — Adapted from Isaiah 9 & Luke 2

P: Arise, shine, for your Light has come!

C: And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!

P: And nations shall come to your Light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.

C: And the government shall be upon his shoulders.

P: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth!

ANTHEM

(7:00) “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Messick/Rosetti

READING of the CHRISTMAS GOSPEL and SINGING of CAROLS

R: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the City of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

CAROL “Away in the Manger” [LSB 364]

R: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them; “Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.”

CAROL “Angels We Have Heard on High” [LW 55]

R: When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CAROL “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful” [LW 41]

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN “Joy to the World”

SERMON “PEANUTS”

OFFERING

(5:00) “O Holy Night”

Adolphe Adam

Cindy Hurd

(7:00) “Fum, Fum, Fum”

Howard Helvery

Voices of Peace

PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

THE BLESSING

SILENT REFLECTION *(as lights are dimmed)*

A WORD about CANDLES

- *The lit candle stays vertical. (hot wax hurts ☺)*

ANTHEM

“Peace, Peace”

Fred Bock

(5:00) Carolyn Scheers; Melissa Gant; Matthew, Jacob, Christopher Hurd; Cindy Hurd

(7:00) Voices of Peace, Youth and Children’s Choirs, Adult Handbells

CAROL “Silent Night, Holy Night”

Leave in silence

SERMON: *Rev. James R. Mueller*