

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Don Ludwig

OFFERING PIANO INTERLUDE

Silent Night

By Children's Choir and Aron and Samuel
Racho on guitars

CANDLE LIGHTING

(The minister lights his candle from the Christ Candle in the Advent wreath. The ushers light their candles from the minister's candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted but is always upright when giving light to one another.)

*CANDLELIGHT CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night!

#122

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.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sign 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 dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

BENEDICTION

(As the lights come up, you are invited to put out your candle in a bowl of water and stand for the Sending Carol)

*SENDING CAROL

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

#136

Refrain
Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a Holy light
Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth
Refrain



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Saturday, December 24, 2022 5:00pm

A family friendly celebration of the First Christmas



FOR REFLECTION

Christina Rosetti

"What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man I would do my part.
Yet what can I give Him? Give my heart."

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Kenn Willson

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Jenn Winquist, Director
Little Donkey
Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Joy to the World

WELCOME

Rev. Don Ludwig

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The star shining on the innkeepers shed;
Sunshine glistening off the deafening cold of winter snow;
Candles lit in displays of solidarity
with those in mourning;
Give tangible witness to the prophet's claim that light shines in the darkness, now and forever.

May we come to worship in joyful
celebration of the light, whom we call
Jesus, the Christ.

Amen.

Southminster invites you to join us for Weekly Family Worship Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

We offer Family Life Programs for everyone - Sundays at 10:15am
- Children with Bunny & Judith in the Children's Wing - Middle Schoolers with Kathy in the Red Room - High School Youth with Don in the Loft - Many other opportunities

Special events include - Easter Egg Hunt - Family BBQ - Frog Camp (June 26-30, Vacation Church Week for kids) - Jr. High Youth Group Overnights & San Juan Bike Trip - Sr. High Youth Group Mission Trip, Blanchet House service and more! Join us.

CAROL

Joy to the World

#134

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 all 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.

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.

*CHRISTMAS LITANY

This is a night for stories...for silence, for
songs...especially a night for wonder.
**There are stories of wondrous events
all around us: stories of gift giving; of
generous hearts; of hope coming to
lonely and frightened people.**

Most wondrous of all is the story of God
touching the earth...

**That most wonderful story of all is the
story of the tender touch of God - light as
an angel's wing; sure as a shepherd's step;
strong as a camel's back....loving as a new
Mother's smile...God touching the earth...**

God touching humankind...God's presence
here among and within us...

**That touch of God that says love lives here
on earth...love is born and reborn...love is
forever...and all God's children can live in
Peace! Rejoice! Alleluia!**

Let us worship and praise the God of Love.

*GREETING OF PEACE

May the peace of God be with you - this night
and always.

And also with you.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Rev. Don Ludwig

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Welcome to Bethlehem

Narrator: Rev. Bunny Oliver

Gospel Readers: Evelyn Standish, Samuel

Racho, Julia Mouzong

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#121

Oh 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.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-7

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Away in the Manager

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

CAROLS

We Three Kings of Orient Are

#151

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King for ever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!



While Shepherds Watched
their Flocks

While shepherds watched their flocks by
night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

"Fear not", said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind:
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and humankind."

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:8-14

CAROLS

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#133

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!

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

#88

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

REFLECTIONS

Rev. Scott Dalgarno