



Wednesday, December 24, 2025



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, December 31, from 5-11 pm, FLC New Year's Eve 'All are Welcome' Party in the Petersen Gallery
- January 1, 2026 Church Office Reopens
- Friday, January 16, at 2 pm, Mariners Gathering at the home of Greg Jones and Marylou Belknap-Jones
- Sunday, January 25, at 11:15 am, Annual Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

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*Welcome to Southminster as we host a
candlelight & carol-filled celebration*

PRELUDE
O Come, All Ye Faithful
By John Francis Wade

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign friendship pads
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service tonight at 9 pm
- Narrator: Katie Standish (she/her)
- Wreath Lighting:
Hernandez-Mullins Family

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHRISTMAS STORY PART 1

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem #121 vs 1
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.

CHRISTMAS STORY PART 2

CAROL

Born in the Night, Mary's Child #158
Born in the night, Mary's Child,
a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary's Child,
born in a borrowed room.

Clear shining light, Mary's Child,
your face lights up our way;
Light of the world, Mary's Child,
dawn on our darkened day.

Truth of our life, Mary's Child,
you tell us God is good;
yes, it is true, Mary's Child,
shown on your cross of wood.

Hope of the world, Mary's Child,
you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary's Child,
walk in our streets again.

CHRISTMAS STORY PART 3

CAROL

The First Nowell #147 v. 1 & 4

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.

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

CHRISTMAS STORY PART 4

CAROL

We Three Kings of Orient Are #151 v. 1 & 2
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 forever, 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!

CHRISTMAS STORY PART 5

CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

Rev. Karin Kennedy Hejmanowski

CAROL

Away in a Manger #115

Away in a manger,
no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus
laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing;
the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus,
no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus;
look down from the sky,
and stay by my side
until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask thee to stay
close by me forever
and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven
to live with thee there.

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Holy Night, arr. A. Adams
Gabi Marcus, Tenor

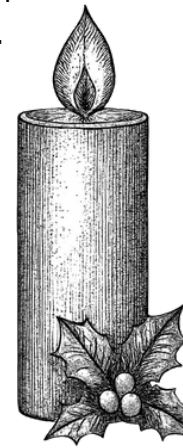
A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

OFFERTORY

O Holy Night, arr. Adolphe Adam

SERVICE OF LIGHT

CANDLE LIGHTING



CHRISTMAS CAROL

Silent 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 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.

CHRISTMAS 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 us their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain
By John W. Work Jr.

