

CHRIST CHURCH SANTA FE



24 December 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE

WORSHIP ARTS CENTER **4:00 & 6:00 pm**

Welcome to Christ Church and Merry Christmas!

Some information about this Lessons and Carols service:

The first Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was held at King's College, Cambridge on Christmas Eve 1918. It was planned by Rev. Eric Milner-White, who had just been appointed Dean of Chapel after serving in the British Army during WWI as a chaplain. His purpose in creating the service was to develop a "more imaginative" worship service than the traditional Evensong service. This service was adapted from an order created by E.W. Benson for use at 10pm on Christmas Eve in 1880 and was first broadcast in the UK in 1928. With the exception of 1930, it has been broadcast annually to millions, even during the period of WWII when the glass had been removed from the King's College Chapel during the period of intense German bombing.

For more than a century, worshippers have gathered for this service to take in the scope of the coming of Jesus Christ in Scripture and song, remembering as voices are raised, as the Word is read, and as candles are lit in the darkness that God is faithful to a promise to send a Savior to us. We carry on that tradition here at Christ Church Santa Fe every Christmas Eve, remembering together that Jesus Christ is "the light of the world" and that "whoever follows [Him] will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (Jn. 8:12)

PRELUDE by CCSF CHORALE
Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

See within a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
With us sing our Savior's birth
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Traditional French Carol | Arranged by Steven Strite | © 2017 SoundForth (Lorenz)

Sue Passell - Guest Chorale Director
Lee Harvey and Monica Ruiz - violin
Julanna Gilbert - viola

Sandy Hoffman - cello
Justin Bransford - bass
Toni Fammartino - piano

WELCOME

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Reader: "But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law." (Galatians 4.4)

Lesson

Prayer

All: Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand)*

Leader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (From Genesis 1:1-3)

All *And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.*

OPENING PRAYER

(Please be seated)

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

17 And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Reader The Word of The Lord

All *Thanks be to God*

Genesis 22:15-18

15 And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the sea-shore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his[a] enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(Please stand)

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee

Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of ev'ry nation
Joy of ev'ry longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a king
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring

By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By His life He brings us gladness
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend

Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born the Lord of all

Hallelujah! What a Savior
Hallelujah! What a friend
Saving, helping, keeping, loving
He is with me to the end

By Charles Wesley | Rowland H. Prichard

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
(Please be seated)

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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Isaiah 11:1-9

(Remain seated)

- 1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- 2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- 3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
- 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- 6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
- 7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- 9 They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Reader The Word of The Lord

All *Thanks be to God*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Please stand)

O 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

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love
O, morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God our King
And peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

By L. H. Redner & Phillips Brooks

Luke 1:26-35, 38

(Please be seated)

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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Luke 2:1, 3-7

(Remain seated)

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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All *Thanks be to God*

For Unto Us a Child Is Born

(Please stand)

For unto us a child is born
Unto us a Son is given
Unto us a Son is given

For unto us a child is born
Unto us a Son is given
Unto us a Son is given

BRIDGE:

And the government shall be upon His shoulders
And the government shall be upon His shoulders
And His name shall be call-ed

CHORUS:

*Wonderful, Counselor
The Mighty God, the everlasting Father
The Prince of Peace*

For unto us a child is born
Unto us a Son is given
Unto us a Son is given

For unto us a child is born
Unto us a Son is given
Unto us a Son is given

(BRIDGE)

(CHORUS)

The everlasting Father
The Prince of Peace

By George Frederic Handel | Arr: Sandy Hoffman

Luke 2:8-16

(Please be seated)

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

15 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." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

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All *Thanks be to God*

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

(Please stand)

God rest ye merry, gentlemen let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray

REFRAIN:

*Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy*

From God our Heavenly Father a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might"

(REFRAIN)

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace
In Christ is the salvation for this, our fallen race

(REFRAIN)

Traditional English Carol

Matthew 2: 1-12

(Please be seated)

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(Please stand)

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 angelic hosts proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

CHORUS:

*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 man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give us second birth

(CHORUS 2x)

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, incarnate deity
Pleased with men as man to dwell
Jesus, our immanuel

(CHORUS)

Words: Charles Wesley | Music: Felix Mendelssohn

John 1:1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

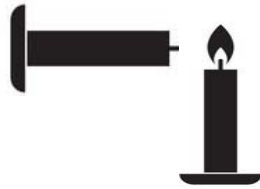
9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 12 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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CANDLE LIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS



*Please tip UNLIT candle
into LIT candle*

CONGREGATIONAL LIGHTING OF CANDLES AND SONG

REMINDER: To avoid hot wax drips, please only tip UNLIT candle.

Silent Night

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
Heav'nly 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.

Words by Joseph Mohr | Music by Franz Gruber

Joy to the World

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 world, 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

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

Words: Isaac Watts | Music: George Frederick Handel | Arr. Lowell Mason

BENEDICTION

You Are Dismissed

*Please join us in the CCSF Plaza for cookies and snacks
immediately following the service*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- * **HEARING ASSISTANCE** - LISTEN EVERYWHERE is up and running! Instructions available at the tech booth in the back of the WAC, or at the sanctuary doors. Audio-only broadcast and additional seating is available in the Plaza or the Ascension Chapel.
- * **SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH AND ADULTS WILL BE CANCELLED DECEMBER 29TH.** We will resume on January 5 at 8:45 AM.
- * **CCSF OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 25** to allow our pastors and staff to enjoy a well-earned holiday. We will be open Thursday December 26th to receive end of year contributions during the hours of 9-4. We will ALSO be CLOSED on January 1st.
- * **LOOKING FOR A LAST-MINUTE CHRISTMAS GIFT?** Check out our "suggested reading" tower for some quality book selections chosen by our pastors. Payment envelopes are right on top, and there are more copies available in the office.

We believe God has plans for our church in 2025, more care, mercy, church planting, and mission! Out of our desire to keep you informed, to finish 2024 well and go into 2025 strong, we are providing you with weekly financial updates as we seek to meet our 2024 budget goal.

Should you like to make a gift, you may do so in person with cash or check or online via our giving portal. (see QR code below) If you would like to make a gift of appreciated stock, please contact our Treasurer, Ken Wallace, at treasurer@christchurchsanta-fe.org. All gifts received (or postmarked) by December 31, 2024 will be credited as a 2024 charitable gift.

NOTE: Staff will be at the church December 26 and 29-31 to receive your in-person payment. (Please ring the doorbell)

If you wish to make a monetary donation/gift, you may leave it in the offering plate near the front desk, or via this QR code which goes to our payment link. Thank You.



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We're Glad You Came

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Name(s): _____

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I would like to:

- Learn more about Christianity
- Attend a Welcome/Membership Class
- Attend a Bible Study
- Join a Community Group

Comments & Prayer Requests

Comments or Prayer Request: _____

*Thank you so much for joining us
this evening. Have a blessed
Christmas holiday!*



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