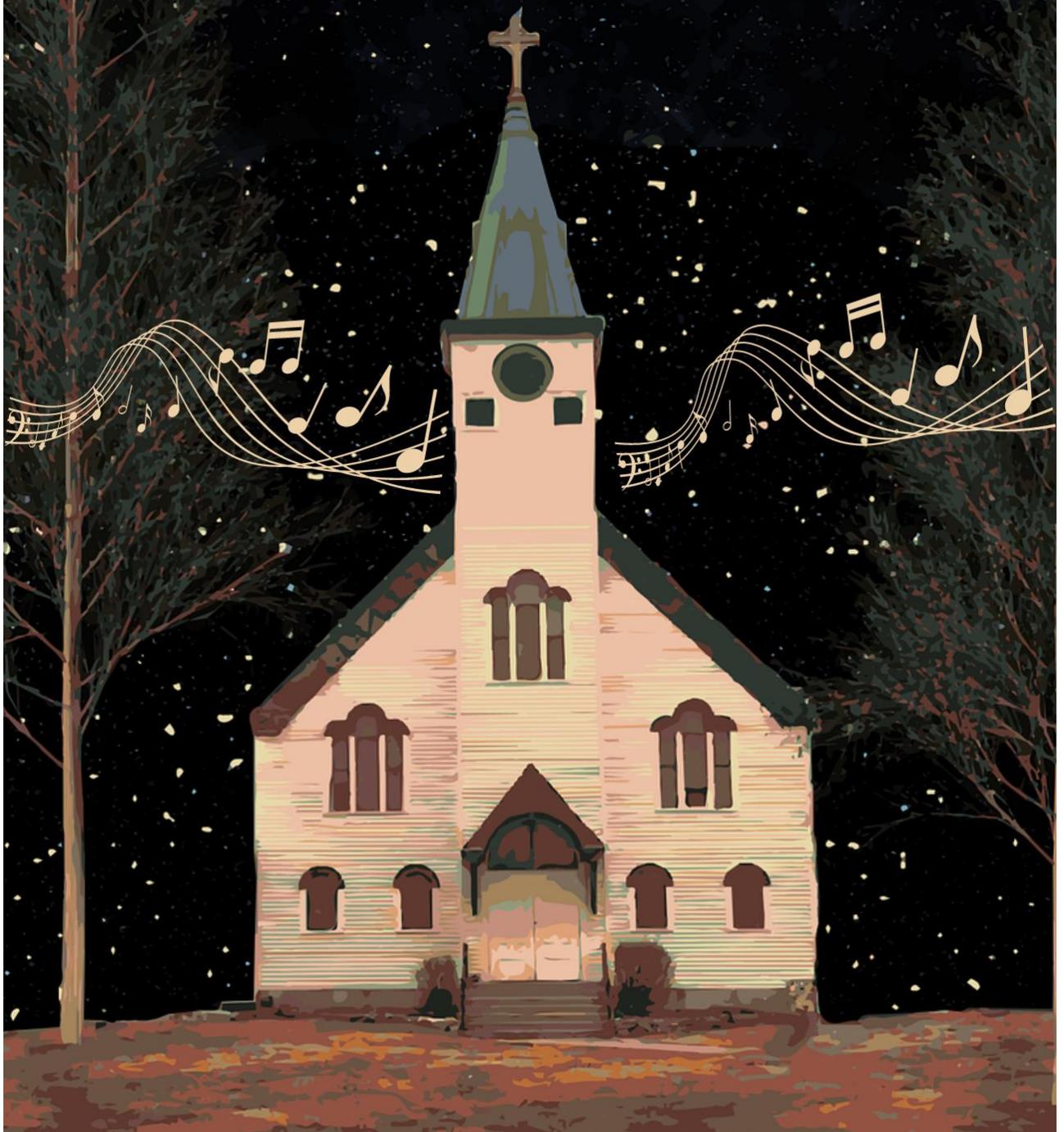


# Heaven and Nature Sing



DECEMBER 24, 2020  
*Christmas Eve Worship*

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### OUR MISSION

We exist to grow committed  
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Choir Director  
Robbyn Wilks

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Ann Henderson

Custodian      June Decker



## CHRISTMAS EVE OUTDOOR WORSHIP

### INVOCATION

P Welcome tonight to a celebration like no  
other!  
This is the night of the Holy Birth!  
Let the love of Jesus be born in your hearts  
and spirits!  
Let us open our hearts to receive this blessed  
gift.  
Rejoice, good friends, the Good News is here!  
Christ our Savior is Born! Hallelujah! AMEN.

HYMN      O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1-2)  
ELW 283

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:

### *Refrain*

O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy,  
Light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing! (*Refrain*)

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts.  
1,3-4; tr. Unknown, st. 2 Music: attr. John Francis Wade  
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FIRST LESSON      Micah 5:2-5

R     The First Lesson is from Micah, Chapter 5.

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

R     The word of the Lord.

**C     Thanks be to God.**

CHRISTMAS CAROL      O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1-2)      ELW 279

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 the king,  
And peace to all the earth!

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL      Luke 2:1-7

R     The Christmas Gospel is from Luke, Chapter 2.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

R     The word of the Lord.

**C     Thanks be to God.**

CHRISTMAS CAROL              Away in a Manger (verses 1-2)

ELW 277

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 baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Text: North American, 19<sup>th</sup> cent.  
Music: James R. Murray, 1841-1905  
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CHRISTMAS GOSPEL              Luke 2:8-20

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CHRISTMAS CAROL Angels We Have Heard on High (verses 1-2)

ELW 289

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain*

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song? (*Refrain*)

Text: French carol; tr. H.F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

Music: French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

SERMON

Pastor Brad Brown

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Good and loving God,

**C We rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "O Holy Night"

## CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY

P Lift up your heads, people of God, for your Light has come.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES *(We ask you to share your light through a candle app, glowsticks, or your phone flashlights.)*

### CHRISTMAS CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

ELW 281

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 your holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885  
Music: Franz Gruber, 1787-1863 Public Domain

### CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

**C God of Love, you have made this night holy and bright. Guide us to walk in the light of the of Jesus as we approach your promise of everlasting love and grace. Amen.**

(Please extinguish lights.)

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Lord’s Prayer”

PRAYER OF BLESSING

P May the awe of Mary, the joy of the shepherds, the wonder of the Wise Men and the peace of the Lord Jesus be with you now and throughout the coming year.

C **Amen.**

CHRISTMAS CAROL Joy to the World

ELW 267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room and heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and heav’n 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.

No more let sin and sorrow 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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: English melody, 18<sup>th</sup> cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. The light of Christ goes with you.

***Thank you to our volunteers for all of their help with decorating and worship.***

- ✦ Brian, Jenny, Austin, and Wyatt Sack for bringing in the tree and working on the lights.
- ✦ Bob Benson and Robbyn Wilks for decorating the tree, the sanctuary, and the outdoor worship space.
- ✦ Neil Stritesky for hanging the wreath and garlands outside on the church.
- ✦ Jerry Nelson for filling the planters with greens.
- ✦ Jill Peterson, Ann Henderson, and Bob Benson for all of their work with procuring and preparing the luminaries.
- ✦ AV Ministry at 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 - Wayne Rasmussen
- ✦ Reader at 3:00 - Robbyn Wilks
- ✦ Reader at 5:00 - Karen Benson
- ✦ Reader at 7:00 - Ken Miller
- ✦ A special thank you to all of the Musicians and Soloists who assisted with pre-service and worship service music.
- ✦ Ushers and Parking Attendants for all of their help in making this outdoor service run smoothly and safely.
- ✦ Craig Klepel for fireworks and set up.
- ✦ Bri Jacobson for Selfie Station set up help
- ✦ Bob Benson for the snow machine

There will NOT be In-Person Worship on Sunday, December 27. Join us for an online worship service featuring contributions from Bishop Paul Erickson and other Greater Milwaukee Synod staff. In-Person Worship will resume at 9:30am on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

***Luminaries Dedications***

Given in Honor of the Braaten and Henderson families. We are blessed!  
By Duane and Ann Henderson

Happy Birthday, Jesus! Thank you for coming to save us and loving us so much.  
Merry Christmas!  
By Ken Miller

Given in Memory of Norm Rybka and Pat Reich - dearly missed.  
By Laurel Rybka

Given in Memory of our parents, Rye & Jaye Hagen and Bob & Ruth Smerchek.  
Given in Memory of Uncle Frank, Aunt Dorothy, and cousin Tom Smerchek.  
Given in Thanksgiving for our precious daughter and family: Mat, Nicole, Kolten and Ruthie Leitzke. We love you soooo much!  
Given in Joyous Greeting to all our NCLC family. We miss you so much and look forward to the day we can see and greet each other in person!  
By Dave and Rhonda Smerchek

Given in Memory of my parents, Willard & Marcella Kingsbury and my in-laws, Elmer & Virginia Bruhn.  
Given in Honor of my wonderful children, Scott and Janet, and their spouses Robin and Jason, and my grandchildren, Ella Grace, Lucas, Emmett & Bennett.  
By Mardell Bruhn

Given in Memory of Frank and Marcie Repta.  
By Helen and Renae Repta

Given in Honor of our family who have been the best support during trying times.  
Love you all.  
By Bob and Kathy Christiansen

Given in Memory of our parents.  
Given in Honor of our children and grandchildren.  
By Mark and Tami Wittenberg

Given in Memory of Debbie McCumbee.  
Given in Memory of Kayla Ritchie.  
Given in Memory of our parents.  
Given in Honor of our church family.  
By Char and Jerry Benzel

Given in Honor of God's love, and all our family present and past.  
By Arnold and Linda Waldron

Given in Loving Memory of Bev Isaacson.  
Given in Loving Memory of Paul DeBaere.  
Given in Loving Memory of Trace Burger.  
Given in Loving Memory of Greg Senart.  
Given in Loving Memory of Rosie Henderson.  
By Jessica Pemble

Given in Loving Memory of my wonderful dad, dear brother, sister, brother-in-law,  
and sweet great-nephew.

Given in Thanksgiving for all the JOY the little ones bring!!!

By Donna Thomas

Given in Loving Memory of my husband, son, daughter, son-in-law, and great-  
grandson.

By Carol Marcus

Given in Memory of Stan Sargeant and Aileen Gultch.

By Debbie Gultch

Given in Memory of Wally Polston. Missing you this Christmas Eve and always.

Love, Donna.

By Donna Polston

Given in Memory of our loving parents and grandparents: Herman & Delores Oesau,  
George & Donna Rykal, Sandra Klaus, Jake & Mildred Mueller, Fred & Sarah  
Klaus

Given in Honor of our loving family: Joe, Chelsea, Michael & Kayden Klaus, John,  
Jessica, Jocelynn & Jackson Ward.

By Jeff & Sue Klaus

Given by Wayne and Nancy Rasmussen

Given in Memory of my mom, Joanne Johnson.

Given in Honor of such a supportive family, church family, and friends!

By Stephanie Sorenson

Given in Honor of my family and friends.

By Don Johnson

Given in Honor of my health, my boys, my family, including my church family, as we  
navigate this crazy year. God bless all of you and have a safe, Merry Christmas!

By Tammy Baumann

Given in Memory of James Paisley. Merry Christmas in heaven. Love and miss you.

By Mary Paisley

Given in Honor of all healthcare workers that have shown extreme dedication, compassion, love and spirit this past year.

Given in Honor of Pastor Brad, Ann, and everyone who stepped up to bring us wonderful worship services in-person, online, and outdoors this year. Your creativity is so appreciated!

By Don and Kathie Greer

Given in Honor of our three kids - how blessed we are with you all in our lives!

Given in Honor of Martin, Kayleigh, & Murphy McGee. What a beautiful family you are! Murphy continues to spark immeasurable joy in all our lives.

Given in Honor of Connor and Maddie Benson. Congratulations on your first Christmas together. We're so excited to have Maddie in our family.

Given in Honor of Carter Benson. Congratulations on your graduation. We're so proud of you and can't wait to see you conquer the world!

By Bob and Karen Benson

Given in Honor of my beautiful family!

By Ann Jurasovich

Given in Memory of my dearly missed father, Robert Welch.

Given in Thanksgiving for my amazing mother, Barbara Welch, and joy for my grandson, Brayden.

By Robbyn Wilks

Given in Honor of everyone at North Cape Church.

By Chuck and Shirley Craven

Given in Honor of our boys, Lucas and Bennett.

By Jason and Janet Lago

Given in Honor of the wedding of my grandson, Michael Wilks and Chaunice on 12/12/20. Blessings on their new life together.

By Barb Welch

Given by Tom and MaryEllen Owen

Given in Memory of our parents, Robert & Margie Brown and John & Hazel Engstrom, and our granddaughter, Rachelle.

By Bob and Maxine Brown