



December 24, 2022 - 4:00 pm

Christmas Eve



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music

"The Holly and the Ivy"

K-2nd Radical Ringers

Entrance Hymn

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

ELW 270

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Mary Had a Baby"

Kids & Uke Choir

Retelling of the Christmas Story

"O, Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW 283

Costuming

"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

ELW 282

Scene 1

"It's a Boy"

Based on Luke 2:1-7

At that time, Caesar Augustus, the King of Rome, ordered that everyone in the kingdom be counted. Quirinius was governor of Syria when this took place. Everyone had to travel to their family's hometown to be counted. So Joseph went from the town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem, which long ago had been the hometown of King David. Joseph went with Mary, to whom he was engaged, and who was expecting a child. While Joseph and Mary were there in Bethlehem, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ELW 279

Scene 2

"Angels' Good News!"

based on Luke 2:8-14

Outside the town of Bethlehem there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their sheep by night. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. The shepherds were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for I am here to tell you about a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody: A Savior has just been born in Bethlehem, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." Suddenly, that one angel was joined by a huge choir of angels singing God's praises: Glory to God in heaven, and peace to all people on earth.

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

ELW 289

Scene 3

"Shepherds' Surprise!"

Based on Luke 2:15-20

When the choir of angels went back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another: "Let's get to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has told us about." They ran to Bethlehem as fast as they could, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherds were amazed at what they heard. Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about what they might mean. The shepherds returned to their sheep, and praised God for everything they had seen and heard.

"Go Tell it on the Mountain" ELW 290

Scene 4

"Jealous King Herod and the Wise Men"

based on Matthew 2:1-12

At that time, wise men from the East came to King Herod in Jerusalem and said to him, "We saw a star that told us that a new king was born. Where can we find this new king? We would like to honor him." When King Herod heard this, he was terrified. King Herod called his scholars and asked them, "Where is the new king supposed to be born?" They told him, "In Bethlehem." Then King Herod made a plan. He told the wise men where the new king was to be born. He asked them to go find this new king and then send word back to him so that he could visit this new king. So the wise men set off. The star they had seen before appeared and led them to baby Jesus. Once they arrived, they were full of joy and happiness. They entered the house and saw the baby Jesus in the arms of his mother, Mary. The wise men fell to their knees and worshiped him. Then they took out the gifts they had brought: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. After this, they had a dream telling them not to tell King Herod anything. So they went back home by a different road.

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Christmas Reflection

"Away in a Manger" ELW 277

Special Music *"The Coventry Carol"* 3rd-5th Radical Ringers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music *"Do You Hear What I Hear?"* Jen Fitzpatrick

Offertory *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* ELW 275

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs *"Love Has Come"* ELW 292

"What Child Is This" ELW 296

"The First Noel" ELW 300

Communion Blessing

Lighting of the Candles

Prayers

Candlelight Carol *"Silent Night, Holy Night!"* ELW 281

Benediction

Sending Hymn *"Joy To The World"* ELW 267

Dismissal