

**Preparation for Worship**

*"How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, his precepts!"*  
~Benjamin Franklin

**Prelude**

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*  
*The Holly and the Ivy*  
Stan Pethel, arr

*Still, Still, Still*  
*Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella*  
*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*  
*Greenseelevess*  
*Stille Nacht*  
Chip Davis, arr; Chuck Penington, transcriber

Tara Yarney, flute; Thanakarn Limtham, piano

**Opening Sentences**

Leader: There is good news of great joy for all!

People: Our Savior is born, Christ the Lord.

**Prayer of Adoration**

Glory to you, God of life, for you send your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you come in flesh and dwell among us, that we might become your own. Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives. Glory to you, great God of life, and to your child, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forevermore. Amen.

**\*Processional Hymn 133**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*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!*

*True God from true God,  
Light from light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
very God, begotten, not created!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God, in the highest.  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Please be seated after the hymn.*

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Leader: Throughout the season of Advent, we have lit candles of hope, peace, joy, and love. Tonight we light the candle of Christ, in whom we hope; who grants us peace; who comes with joy; who is the



Duo	<i>Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming</i> Deb and Ben Carter	
Scripture Lesson:	Luke 1:26-35, 38	The Annunciation to Mary
Hymn 147	The First Nowell	verses 1-3, 6; remain seated
Scripture Lesson:	Luke 2:1, 3-7	No Room at the Inn
Solo	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	Leah Smith, violin
Scripture Lesson:	Luke 2:8-20	The Shepherds and Angels
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*Hymn 119	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	Please stand.
Scripture Lesson:	Matthew 2:1-12	The Magi
Anthem	<i>I Saw Three Ships</i> Thanakarn Limtham, piano; Tara Yarney, flute	Paul David Thomas, arr.
Scripture Lesson:	John 1:1-14	The Word Became Flesh
Anthem	O Little Town of Bethlehem  Tara Yarney, flute; Thanarkarn Limtham, piano	Dan Forrest, arr.
Sermon	<b>“Our December World”</b>	Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

All: **Our Father\*, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\* Or Mother or Parent

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem *O Holy Night* Art Thomas, baritone

\*Sharing the Light of Christ

\*Silent Night

**Choir Only:**

*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.*

**Choir and Congregation:**

*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!"

**Choir and Congregation:**

*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 they birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

**Choir and Congregation:**

*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.*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Hymn 134

*Joy to the World!*

\*Postlude

*In Dulci Jubilo*

J.S. Bach