



Calm and Bright:  
200 Years of Silent Night  
Monday, December 24, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve  
“The Light of Jesus”

\*=Please stand as you are able

*Please sign and date the Welcome Book and pass it along to your neighbor.*

WE GATHER

MUSIC FOR GATHERING “Christmas Carols for Organ”  
“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” arr. Christopher Aspaas  
Chapel Choir, Chancel Choir, String Quartet

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN UMH 246 (Red Hymnal) “Joy to the World”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Nathan and Apryl DeLange Family

Spoken Response: Fill us with your peace and light,  
make the world so calm and bright. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

ANTHEM “Light a Candle for All to See” Lloyd Larson

THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH  
CHILDREN’S SONG UMH 217 (Red Hymnal) “Away in a Manger” (vs. 1)

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN UMH 249 (Red Hymnal) “ There’s a Song in the Air”

ANTHEM “Ecce Novum” Ola Gjeilo

Chancel Choir and String Quartet  
Behold, a new joy, behold, a new wonder!  
A virgin, who knew not a man, bears a son.  
She knew not a man, but as the pear-tree bears the pear,  
the flourishing papyrus brings the lily from the soil.  
See how nature changes her laws! A pure virgin bears the son of God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 2: 1-20

MESSAGE “The Light of Christ” Pastor Dave Swinton

WE RESPOND TO THE LIGHT

THE OFFERTORY “Calypso Lullaby” arr. Joel Raney  
Chapel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 219 (Red Hymnal) “What Child is This?” (vs. 3)  
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

(Continued)

**Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

**Our Father (Creator, Mother)†, 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 trespasses, as we

forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE**      “Christ Be Our Light” (refrain)

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark night.**

**Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**GO FORWARD WITH LIGHT**

## LITURGY OF LIGHT

*The pastors will light their candles from the Christ candle, and then will light the candles of the ushers, who will then light the candles of the people sitting on the aisles. Please pass the light to the person next to you. To avoid dripping the hot wax, please light the next candle by holding the lit candle upright and the unlit candle above at an angle.*

## ANTHEM

## “Night of Silence”

arr. John Ferguson

Chancel Choir, Chapel Choir, String Quartet

*Please stand and join in the singing when directed*

**\*HYMN UMH 239 (Red Hymnal)**      *“Silent Night, Holy Night”*

Tune: STILLE NACHT

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 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.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Please extinguish candles at the close of the benediction*

## POSTLUDE

## “Joy to the World”

arr. David Cherwien

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors Dave Swinton and Gary Nims; Ann Gerdorn, Director of Music and organist; Michael Gookin, Chancel Choir; Devon Steve, Chapel Choir director; Emily Miller, Chorister Choir director; Blaine and Talia Bruning, acolytes.

**String Quartet:** Kathy Naja, violin; Ben Munson, violin; Curtis Barr, viola; Xavier Quinn, cello

✠(In hymns and prayers, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching, and inclusive.)

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