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## Family Christmas Eve Service

### Story and Candlelight

December 24, 2007

4:30 p.m.

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Pre-Service Music

Prelude	<i>Christmas Sonatina</i>	-Carl Reinecke
The Lighting of the Christ Candle		Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
*Carol	<i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful"</i>	No. 41

*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!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)*

*Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all Glory in the highest! (Refrain)*

\*Call to Worship (responsively)

All God's people—Boys and girls, women, men:

**Come and worship!**

Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

**Come and worship! Come and worship!**

All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

**Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!**

\*Prayer of the Day

**God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world so that we, like him, may share your peace with the world. Amen.**

Noel

-Daquin

The Angel Appears to Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

Carol

*Away in a Manger*

No.25

*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 poor Baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.*

The Announcement of the Angels

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

No. 44

*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.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!*

The Shepherds Go to Bethlehem

Luke 2:15-20

Carol

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

No. 23

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

A Christmas Tale for All Ages

Pastor John P. Leggett

Christmas Prayers

Choral Response

*Once in Royal David's City*

No. 49

*And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love,  
For that Child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.*

Christmas Joy Offering

Offertory

*Variations to "Adeste Fideles"*

-Raynor Taylor

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Lighting of the Candles

\*Hymn

*Silent Night*

No. 60

*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 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.*

\*Benediction

\*Hymn

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

No. 29

**Refrain:** *Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. (Refrain)*

*The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)*

*Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)*

\*Postlude

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

-Traditional American  
arr. Jan Sanborn

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