

Worship for Christmas Eve

First Baptist Church

Corbin, Kentucky

December 24, 2020

Organ Voluntaries

Sing We Now of Christmas
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Ding Dong, Merrily on High

setting by John Barr
setting by David Lasky
setting by Roy Bruner

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Blevins Family

Today old dreams die and new dreams come to life.

The Promise is fulfilled!

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Our candles illuminate our story.

Dawn invades midnight.

The Light of the World has come.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

And this light is a light for all –

*igniting a flame within the soul, warming us from within, radiating love,
lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh
within us and among us now and always.*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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, ..., Christ the Lord!

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,

Lo, he shuns not the virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created.

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

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

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

- 18th century Latin hymn

Hearing the Story Again

Alex Lockridge

Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

- Charles Wesley, 18th century

The First Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Paul Sims

Carol

Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG

*Away in a manger, no crib for a 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 Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till 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.*

- Little Children's Book for Schools and Families, 19th century

The Second Lesson

Luke 2:8-14

Alex Lockridge

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

*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!
Shepherd, why this jubilee! Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

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*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!*

*See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

- Traditional French carol

The Third Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

Paul Sims

Carol

O Holy Night
Carolyn Garr

by Adolphe Adam

*O holy night! the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall be break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise his holy name.
Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we, his pow'r and glory evermore proclaim.*

- John Dwight, 19th century

Benediction

Alex Lockridge

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety
and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and
godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God
and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all
iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. **Amen.***

- from Titus 2

Carol

Silent Night! Holy Night

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.
Glory streams 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.*

- Joseph Mohr, 19th century