FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Portraits of the King
CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

For a child has been born to us, a son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and His kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Prelude

Lucy Austin

Welcome and Invocation

David Hailey

Congregational Hymn

Oh, 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, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory 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 all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now is flesh appearing.  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Willeford Family

Responsive Litany

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life;

People: In Him is life, and the life is the light of all people.

Leader: We light the Christ candle with great joy and gratitude at the coming of Christ into our world.

People: He is the promised Messiah, the fulfillment of the law and prophets.

Leader: He is our eternal sacrifice who died for our sins.

People: He is the King of kings and Lord of Lords.
People: He is the King of kings and Lord of Lords.
Leader: His kingdom is everlasting.
People: And His love is forever.

*Congregational Response: More Precious Than Silver*

Lord, You are more precious than silver.
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with You.
(Repeat)

*Advent Prayer*

King of glory, with shepherds and wise men of old we worship You on this silent and holy night. Open our eyes to Your presence. Enlarge our hearts with Your love. Guide our steps by Your grace. And fill our lips with Your praise. Be with us, Lord Jesus. We welcome You gladly with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

The Christmas Story
Reagan C., Dylan H., Kathryn P.

*O Little Town of Bethlehem (Stanza 1)*

ST. LOUIS

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 Little Town of Bethlehem (Stanza 2)*

ST. LOUIS

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
0 morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

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.

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.

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!”
Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
late in time, behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

And by the light of that same star
the wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

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, 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.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT
Sarah Mears

SPECIAL MUSIC
Truett L.

BENEDICTION
Jessica McDougald

PASSING THE LIGHT
(Please light your glow stick and hold them high as we sing together.)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
Joy to the World. Antioch

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.
Thank you for joining our Family Christmas Eve Service.

The readings tonight were taken from
Luke 2, Matthew 2, and “A Children’s Liturgy for Christmas Eve”
by Jerome Berryman.

SPECIAL THANKS TO
Lucy Austin for being our pianist tonight.
David Hailey for leading our music.
The Cobb and Teague families for passing out bulletins.

We ask all young angels, shepherds, and wise men
to return their costumes to the boxes in the Narthex.
Thank you!

All families are invited to come outside and see the animals used in the
Living Nativity following the service.

We invite you to join us again this evening for our
Christmas Eve Communion Service in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm,
and to view our Living Nativity from 7-9 pm.
FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL
All families with children, ages 3 and up, are invited to join us for a special Family Sunday School on Sunday, December 30. We will meet in Room 11 at 9:45 for a light breakfast, games, and learning about the Wise Men.

FAMILY NIGHT RESUMES
Family Night activities resume on Wednesday, January 9. Join us for dinner at 5:00 followed by open gym at 5:30 and children’s choirs at 6:15. Let’s kick off the new year together!

CIRCLE OF SECURITY
At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened to help children successfully manage emotions, enhance the development of a child’s self esteem, and enable them to feel more secure. Parents are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings in January and February as Caroline Landen leads a small group study on this program and provides practical knowledge about how we can achieve these goals as parents. All are welcome!

PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT
All children, ages 3 and up, are invited to join us for a night of fun, games, crafts, and movies at Parents’ Night Out on Friday, January 25 from 6:00-8:30. The event is free, but all participants must sign up in advance. Email Jessica at jmcdougald@hbbc.org if your child would like to attend.

PRESCHOOL VALENTINE’S BREAKFAST
Families with preschoolers (birth through kindergarten) are invited to join us for special Valentine’s Day celebration on Sunday, February 10 in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. We hope to see you there!