



Christmas

HOPE IS BORN

Thursday, December 24

ORGAN PRELUDE

Michael Rees, Organist Barrington United Methodist Church

Two Settings of 'In Dulci Jubilo'

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 (J. S. Bach)

In dulci jubilo (from "Weihnachtsbaum"), S. 186/3 (Franz Liszt)

Two Carol Settings by (Keith Chapman)

Cradle Song (Away in a Manger)

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Two Settings of Adeste Fideles

Adeste Fideles in an Organ Prelude (Charles Ives)

Variations on Adeste Fideles (Marcel Dupré)

INTROIT

Once in Royal David's City

Vocal Ensemble - Bill Bible, Doug Bible, Suzanne Bible, Tom Fox, Robin Hladky-Fox, Michael Rees, Gail Rossow, Jim Streed, Sydney Whitley
Amy DeLamoreaux, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Chris Winkler, Senior Pastor BUMC

With eyes open wide to unlikely beings and ears attuned to distant possibilities,

We watch with the shepherds and listen for the songs of angels.

In the shadow of winter's moon, with the Star of God lighting the way,

We gather outside the door of a mystery, wondering if we dare enter in.

With old friends we love, strangers we have just met, and those whose memories we cherish,

We gather, becoming the holy family for this time and in this place.

CAROL #234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

(Verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

OPENING PRAYER

Living God, on this holy night we gather:

to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory;

to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;

to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;

to sit with Mary, cradling your love.

May the Good News of this night inspire us to tell the world of our great joy.

For to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord. Glory and praise to you forever and ever! Amen.

CAROL #230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Verses 1, 3-4)

Accompanied by Preucil String Ensemble - Anthony, Stephanie and Walt Preucil

FIRST LESSON

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2: 1-7

Pastor Wendy Witt, First UMC West Dundee

The Birth of Jesus

2 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.³ All went to their own towns to be registered.⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SOLO

O Holy Night

Rosalyn Wesley, soloist; Accompanied by Michael Rees, organist

SECOND LESSON

The Angels Appear

Luke 2: 8-14

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

CAROL #238

Angels We Have Heard on High

THIRD LESSON

The Shepherds Visit

Luke 2: 15-20

Pastor Bonnie Bevers, Youth Pastor BUMC

The Shepherds Visit

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

ANTHEM

Sweet Singing in the Choir

(The Holly and Ivy, Angels We Have Heard, Ding! Dong!, Merrily on High)

Regenerate: create again Choir - See end of bulletin for participants

SERMON

"When Do We Light the Candle?"

Pastor Chris Winkler, Senior Pastor BUMC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

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 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.

INVITATION TO CHRISTMAS OFFERING

FOURTH LESSON

The Light Shines in the Darkness

John 1: 1-5

Pastor Wendy Witt, First UMC West Dundee

The Word Became Flesh

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

THE CANDLELIGHT CAROL #239

Silent Night, Holy Night

1. 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.

2. 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!

3. 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.

4. Silent night, holy night, **(Please lift your candles)**
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!

UNISON PRAYER

Pastor Bonnie Bevers, Youth Pastor BUMC

This night, O God, the soles of your feet have touched the earth.

This night, O God, the back street and the forgotten place have been lit up with significance.

This night, O God, the households of earth welcome the King of Heaven. For you have crept in beside us; you have come among us; you are one of us. This night, may our songs rise to your throne even as our knees bend at your cradle. Amen.

CAROL #240

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

BENEDICTION

Pastor Chris Winkler, Senior Pastor BUMC

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Von Himmel Hoch"
Michael Rees, organist

Garth Edmundson

MUSICIANS:

Michael Rees, Organist

Once in Royal David's City soloist--Amy Delamoreaux

Vocal Ensemble--Bill Bible, Doug Bible, Suzanne Bible, Amy Delamoreaux, Tom Fox, Robin Hladky-Fox, Michael Rees, Gail Rossow,
Jim Streed, Sydney Whitley

String Ensemble--Anthony Preucil, Stephanie Preucil, Walter Preucil

O Holy Night soloist--Rosalyn Wesley

Regenerate:create again Choir:

Sopranos--Suzanne Bible, Amy DeLamoreaux, Taylor Fox, Lynne McKiernan, Gail Rossow, Mary Ulery

Altos--Emily Johnson, Patti Mangis, Sydney Whitley, Pat Ziebart

Baritones-- Bill Bible, Doug Bible, Seth Durbin, Tom Fox, Michael Rees, Dennis Rossow, Jim Streed

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