



December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent

FAMILY CHRISTMAS
SERVICE



WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. William Schram

PRELUDE

“An English Carol”

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Bob McGruther & Debbie Donker

We light this candle in hope.

Come, Lord Jesus.

We light this candle for peace.

Come, Lord Jesus.

We light this candle in joy!

Come, Lord Jesus.

We light this candle with love.

Come, Lord Jesus.

God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, and God of love, teach us how to love one another as reflections of your light in the world. God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come. Amen.

****PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELIS

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!
Sing, all ye citizens 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!

THE PROPHECY

Scripture: *Isaiah 9:6-7*

Song: *“The Animal Alleluia”*

****CAROL**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and every where;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born.
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and every where;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

THE MAID MARY

Scripture: *Luke 1:26-38*

Song: *“Sing the News! (The Bird’s Carol)”*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Wexford Carol”

arr. Duane Funderburk

Madison Goodson, Soloist

Jessica Goodson, Pianist

JOSEPH & MARY JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Scripture: *Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 2:1-4*

Song: *“Follow Joseph” (The Donkey’s Carol)*

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Scripture: *Luke 2:6-7*

Song: *“The Cows’ Carol”*

****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! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

THE SHEPHERDS HEAR ABOUT JESUS

Scripture: *Luke 2:8-20*

Song: *“Rejoice! Rejoice!” (The Sheep’s Carol)*

****CAROL**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

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!

THE WISEMEN COME TO VISIT JESUS

Scripture: *Matthew 2:1-12*

Song: *“The Ships of the Desert” (The Camels’ Carol)*

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Susan Jones

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

****CAROL**

“The Friendly Beasts”

ORIENTUS PARTIBUS

Jesus our brother, strong and good
Was humbly born in a stable rude
And the friendly beasts around him stood
Jesus our brother, strong and good
"I, " said the donkey, shaggy and brown
"I carried his mother up hill and down
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town"
"I, " said the donkey, shaggy and brown
"I, " said the cow, all white and red
"I gave him my manger for his bed
I gave him my hay to pillow his head"
"I, " said the cow, all white and red
"I, " said the sheep with curly horn
"I gave him my wool for his blanket warm
He wore my coat on Christmas morn"
"I, " said the sheep with curly horn

"I, " said the dove from the rafters high
"I cooed him to sleep so he would not cry
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I"
"I, " said the dove from rafters high

Thus every beast by some good spell
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel
Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel

****BENEDICTION**

Rev. Barbara Piercy

****CAROL**

"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 nature sing.

POSTLUDE

****Those who are able may stand.**

**"AN ANIMAL ALLELUIA" by Joanna Mills
PERFORMERS & CREW**

CAST

Andrew Casazza, Catey Casazza, Davis DeRuyter, Joss DeRuyter, Graham Fout, Marshall Haddad,
Grace Hemesath, Jeremy Jimenez, Jonathan Jimenez, Hailey Lyons, Chloe Pace, Clara Piercy-Boyle

CREW

Micki Hardenberg & Adriana Pierce – Choreography & Blocking
Malcolm Haddad – Assistant
Accompaniment Recording: Jesse Gerbasi (Drums), John Lenis (Bass)
Sound: Madison Borys, Nick Farro

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Rev. Barbara Piercy
Susan Jones & Noel Piercy
Micki Hardenberg, Cantor
First Church Ringers
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers



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