MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service of Candles and Carols December 24, 2020 5pm



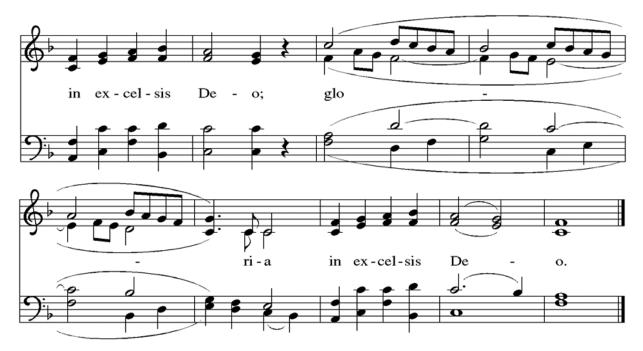
Prelude

Still, Still, Still O Little Town of Bethlehem Roberta Rowland-Raybold Christina Shehi

Greeting and Welcome







Prayer of the Day

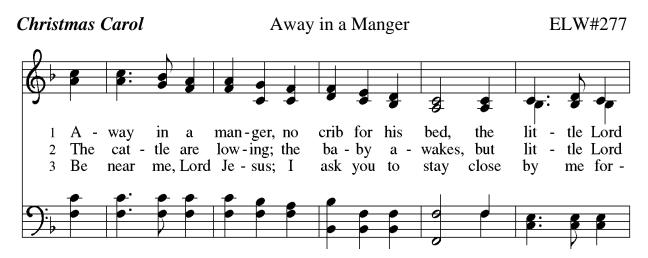
Christmas Prophecy:

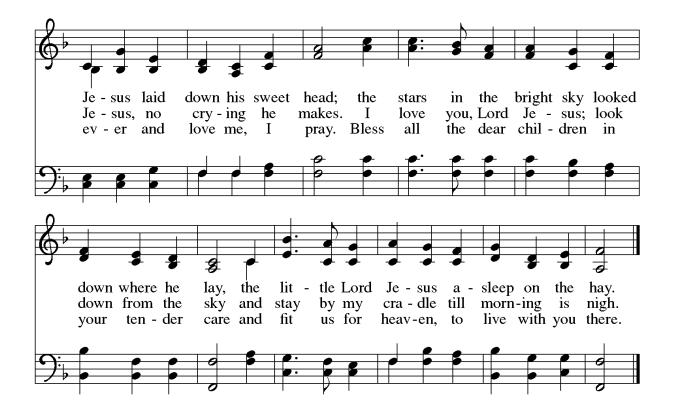
Isaiah 9:2

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

Isaiah 7:14

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. [b]





Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

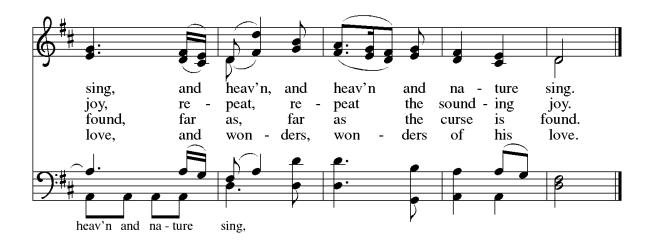
⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news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

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!"

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.





Sermon

Special Music

Holy Child Within the Manger

performed by: Joe Strandjord

Bidding Prayers

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
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
and ever. Amen.

Christmas Blessing



Postlude I am so Glad Each Christmas Eve Wilbur Held

Thank you to everyone who participated in recording the Christmas carols for tonight's worship service; Kevin & Marcia Bates, Lydia, Jen & Charlie Dobrovolny, Barbara Helde, Mark & Linda Johnson, Kelly & Linda Kellenberger, Randi Mezich, Kimberly Milham, David Moussette, Rob & Kathleen Rowan, Johnny Searle, Amy Sigmar, Serena Severance and Kristi Carpine-Taber. Please forgive me if I left anyone out!!

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