

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Christmas Eve

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

CHIMING THE HOUR 4:30 and 6:30 pm

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Johann Sebastian Bach*
In Dulci Jubilo
Rev. Doug Vancil *organ*

WELCOME AND INVOCATION Rev. Alan Sherouse

†OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Terri Vancil

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

For a child has been born for 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 with
righteousness, from this time onward and forevermore.**

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

— Isaiah 9.2-7

†CAROL 173 *ADESTE FIDELES*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

A **treble descant** found in the leaflet may be sung on stanza three.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE Rev. Chris Cherry

†CAROL 155 *St. Louis*

O Little Town of Bethlehem
stanza one only

Children are invited to meet Autumn Culbreth at the chancel during
the verse of the carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. Afterward children
may return to their families.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Autumn Culbreth

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring
Rev. Craig Sherouse *guitar*
Beverly Sherouse *piano*

GOSPEL LESSON Rev. Courtney Willis

Luke 2.1-20

†CAROL 152 *GLORIA*

Angels We Have Heard on High

MEDITATION Rev. Sherouse

†CAROL 162 *THE FIRST NOEL*

The First Noel, the Angel Did Say
stanzas one, two, and six

CHRIST CANDLE

The Sherouse Family
Alan, Jenny, Jack, Della, Warner, & Bea

†CONFESSON OF FAITH

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.

**What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.**

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.

**He was in the world,
and the world came into being through him;
yet the world did not know him.**

He came to what was his own,
and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God,

**who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh
or of the will of man, but of God.**

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
**and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's
only son, full of grace and truth.**

—from John 1.1-5, 9-14

CAROLS (refer to hymn leaflet)

HAGEN

Morning Star, O Cheering Sight
Ava Danford *vocal soloist*

STILLE NACHT

Silent Night, Holy Night

†BLESSING

Rev. Sherouse

†CAROL

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

MUSIC FOR DISMISSAL

Michael G. Dell

Organ Flourish on "Joy to the World"

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Chris Cherry, Associate Pastor: Youth/Families
Autumn Culbreth, Interim Director: Preschool/Children
Alan Sherouse, Senior Pastor

Doug Vancil, Associate Pastor: Music/Worship
Terri Vancil, Assistant Pastor: Music/Worship
Courtney Willis, Associate Pastor: Faith Formation/Congregational Care

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