



(†) indicates standing as able.

Hearing devices are available in the narthex.

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Opening the Bible Janie Blair Petriskie

Choral Introit Sanctuary Choir, Lorie Rainey *soprano soloist*

"I Wonder as I Wander" setting by John Rutter

Traditional Appalachian Carol collected by John Jacob Niles, 1934

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.
For poor ornerly people like you and like I: I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cows' stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing: a star in the sky or a bird on the wing;
or all of God's angels in heaven to sing, he surely could have had it, 'cause he was the King!*

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

Advent Wreath Elizabeth Holleman

†Carol (Please refer to the insert.)

"Jesus, the Light of the World" WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

Music: Traditional African American Carol by George D. Elderkin, 1890
Text: Charles Wesley, 1739 with Elderkin's refrain

Words of Friendship Rev. Buck Cochran

Choral Music Sanctuary Choir

"Sherburne" from the *Columbian Harmonist*, 1807

*While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground.
The angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around.*

*"Fear not," said he (for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind):
"glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind."*

*"To you in David's town, this day is born of David's line
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign.*

*"The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."*

*"All glory be to God on high and to the earth be peace,
goodwill henceforth from heaven to all, begin and never cease.*

—text by Nahum Tate and Nicholas Brady, 1698

A Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

Children (first grade and younger) may go to Junior Church at this time and will return to the sanctuary during the Offertory Carol.

Choral Music Sanctuary Choir, Ellis Vaughan *baritone soloist*

"The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem" from *Southern Harmony*, 1835

*The hills are bare at Bethlehem, no future for the world they show;
yet here new life begins to grow; from earth's old dust a greenwood stem.*

*The stars are cold at Bethlehem, no warmth for those beneath the sky;
yet here the radiant angels fly, and joy burns new, a fiery gem. (continued)*

*The heart is tired at Bethlehem, no human dream unbroken stands;
yet here God comes to mortal hands, and hope renewed cries out: "Amen!"*

—text by Royce J. Scherf, b. 1929

Prayers of God's People Rev. Chris Cherry

Choral Music Sanctuary Choir

Shelby Moss *soprano soloist*, Ashley Barret *oboe*, Jan Hix *piano*

"Love Came Down at Christmas" setting by American composer Howard Helvey, 2007

*Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.*

—poem by Christina Rossetti, b.1830

First Lesson Rev. Courtney Willis

Isaiah 7.10-16

Choral Music Sanctuary Choir, Jeff Perry *tenor soloist*

"Glory, Glory, Glory to the Newborn King" by Moses Hogan, 2000
based on the spiritual *"Go Tell it On the Mountain"*

Go and tell it on the mountain Lord, over the hills and everywhere.

Why don't you go, yes! Tell it on the mountain, Lord that Jesus Christ is born.

Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King!

Second Lesson Rev. Willis

Matthew 1.18-25

Choral Music Sanctuary Choir

"Star in the East" setting by Malcolm Dalglish, 1995
A Suite of Three Appalachian Christmas Carols

Star in the East, Maggie Martin *soprano soloist*

*Hail the dawn! See the great mediator. Down from the regions of glory descend.
Shepherds go look for the babe in the manger. Follow the star where the angels attend.*

*Cold on his cradle the dew drops are shining. Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall.
Angels surround him in slumber reclining. While high in the heavens is a lone sentinel.*

*Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star of the east the horizon adorning, guide where our infant redeemer is laid.*

*Shall we not yield him in costly devotion. Odors of Edom and off'rings sublime.
Gems from the mountains and pearls of the ocean. Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine.*

*Vainly we offer each ample oblation. Vainly with gifts would his favor secure.
Richer by far is the heart's adoration. Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.*

Rise Up Shepherd

*There's a star in the east on Christmas morn. Rise up shepherd 'n follow.
It'll lead to the spot where the Savior's born. Rise up shepherd 'n follow.*

*Leave your sheep and leave your lambs. Rise up shepherd 'n follow.
Leave your yews 'n leave your rams. Rise up shepherd 'n follow.*

*If you pay good heed to the angel's word. Rise up shepherd 'n follow.
You'll forget your flock, you'll forget your herd. Rise up shepherd 'n follow.*

Judah's Land, Lorie Rainey *soprano soloist*

Gentle stranger in that manger, in Judah's land we find thee. Infant Savior.

*To thee with joy I sing, sweet child that heaven did bring.
No Judah's land shall ring with thy praises.*

*I greet thee, Prince of Peace: from sin gave thy release!
Nor shall my tongue e'er cease from thy praises.*

*No twilight quietly comes. The baby lies asleep.
Play softly flute and drum to his praises.*

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Carol (Please refer to the insert.)

"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

Stewardship Prayer Darlene Biffle, deacon

Offertory Carol 149

“Away in a Manger” CRADLE SONG

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

Choral Benediction Sanctuary Choir, Peyton Wheeler *mezzo soprano soloist*

“Beautiful Savior” setting by *F. Melius Christiansen**

*Traditionally sung by the St. Olaf Choir, Northfield MN, and many choirs across the United States with St. Olaf alumni directors for more than a century.

*Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!*

— Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Sanctuary Choir

Cheryl Angel, Alice Angell, Robert Angell, Jim Bearden, Jeff Bennett, Nancy Davis, Marie Delgado, Sarah Frye, Don Fuller, Brent Greene, Nathan Hall, Bill Hix, Genelle Hix, Seth Hix, Addison Lawrimore, Baker Lawrimore, Maggie Martin, Holly Messick, Matt Messick, Shelby Moss, Jill Pegram, Angela Perry, Jeff Perry, Lorie Rainey, Mike Risotti, Nevin Rohrbaugh, Penny Rowe, Levone Tobin Scott, Beverly Sherouse, Craig Sherouse, Clark Sorrells, Marsha Thompson, Terri Vancil, Ellis Vaughan, Grace Wall, Gayle Wager, Peyton Wheeler, Laurie White, Teresa Whitehead, Becky Yaun

Instrumentalists

Kim Christman *hammered dulcimer*, Stan Dotson *guitar*, Andrew Eversole, *banjo*
Jesse Eversole *fiddle*, Ashley Barret *oboe*, Jerico Carrillo *flute*, Jack Hopper *bass*, Jan Hix *piano*

Music Ministry Leadership

Rev. Doug Vancil, Associate Pastor: Music and Worship Terri Vancil, Assistant Pastor: Music and Worship
Baker Lawrimore, Director of Youth/Children Music
Shelby Moss, Grace Wall, Peyton Wheeler, McCormick Music Interns

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Carols Insert

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Jesus, the Light of the World

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing.
Joy-ful all you na-tions rise. Je-sus, the light of the world.
Christ by high-est heaven a-dored;

Glo-ry to the new-born King,
Join the tri-umph of the skies. Je-sus the light of the world.
Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord;

We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light. Come where the

dew-drops of mer-cy shine bright. O, shine all a-

round us by day and by night. Je-sus, the light of the world.

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

O beau-ti-ful Star of Beth-le-hem, shin-ing a - far thro' shad-ows dim,
O beau-ti-ful Star, the hope of light, guid-ing the pil-grim thro' the night,

giv-ing a light for those who long have gone (have gone.)
o-ver the moun-tain 'til the break of dawn (the dawn,)

And guid-ing the wise men on their way un-to the place where Je-sus lay,
and in-to the light of per-fect day it will give out a love-ly ray,

Beau-ti-ful Star of Beth-le-hem shine on (shine on.)

O beau-ti-ful Star of Beth-le-hem,
Beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Star, Star of Beth-le-hem,

Shine up-on us un-til the glo-ry dawn;
glo-ry dawn;

O give us the light to light the way in-to the land of per-fect day.

Beau-ti-ful Star of Beth-le-hem shine on (shine on.)