



Central Presbyterian Church



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2020

Today's service will be livestreamed to Facebook (facebook.com/centraldenver)
and our website (centraldenver.com/livestream)

PRELUDE

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam
Chris Jusell, violin

WELCOME

Please feel free to post comments, greetings, and prayer requests in the "Facebook comment" section throughout the service.

Louise Westfall

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CAROL

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

1 *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!*

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!*

3 *Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]*

4 *Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Light in the darkness

Tim Mooney

ANTHEM

The People that Walked in Darkness

G.F. Handel
Paul Griggsby, bass

READING

Isaiah 11:1, 6-9

The peaceable kingdom

Chris Wineman

CAROL

Lo, How a Rose

ES IST EIN ROS

Katheryne Baker, mezzo soprano

1 *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.*

2 *Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.*

3 *This flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God,
from sin and death he saves us
and lightens every load.*

READING

Luke 1:26-35, 38

An angel appears to Mary

Jacque Howard

CAROL

O Come O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

1 *O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 *O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go. [Refrain]*

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

4 O come, thou Root of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave. [Refrain]

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. [Refrain]

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]

READING

Luke 2:1, 3-16

Angels announce the Messiah

Claire Wineman

ANTHEM

Away in a Manger

arr. Mack Wilberg

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Night Vision

Louise Westfall

OFFERTORY

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Sarah Eaton, soprano

OFFERING

Christmas Joy Offering

The last of four special offerings we receive each year, the Christmas Joy Offering, may be sent directly to the church, given online at <https://onrealm.org/centraldenver/give/joytext>, or by text (text "centraldenver joy" to 73256). By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

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

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

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!
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.*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane
Chris Jussel, violin