



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

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Christmas Eve

Service of Lessons & Carols



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Prelude: "O Holy Night" -Adolphe Adam

Musicians: Lisa Corpron, Bob Wuertz

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candles

We have extended our Advent celebration, recognizing that we are in need of light in a time of darkness. We built this wreath as an outward sign of the preparation underway in our hearts. We lit candles reminding us of hope, love, joy, and peace. May this time of worship help us to experience the light of love that is made available to us even in the dark of night, and may this time of worship empower us to share the light that is given.

Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us; Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm the powerful presence of Jesus in our lives. He is Emmanuel. He is God with us.

Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v1-3)

UMH #234

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;

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.
2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
begotten, not created;

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;
O 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 Annunciation

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Carol

“What Child Is This (v1-2)

UMH #219

1. What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the Son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the Son of Mary.

Joseph’s Vision

Matthew 1:18-25

Carol

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (v1-2, 4)

UMH #230

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth!

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Jesus' Birth

Luke 2:1-7

Special Music: "Mary Did You Know" -Mark Lowry

Musicians: Jayson Coleman, Bob Wuertz

The Angels and Shepherds

Luke 2:8-20

Carol

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (v1-2)

UMH #238

1. Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Glo - - - - - ri - a,
in excelsis Deo!
Glo - - - - - ri - a,
in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

Glo - - - - - ri - a,
in excelsis Deo!
Glo - - - - - ri - a,
in excelsis Deo!

The Word Made Flesh

John 1:1-14

Message

“God With Us”

Pastor Bob Rhodes

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: “Still, Still, Still” -German Carol, Arr. Philip Ledger

Musician: Bob Wuertz, Organ

Doxology:

to the tune LASST UNS ERFREUEN

In Bethlehem a Child is born,
let darkness end: salute the morn.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lift up your voice and with us sing,
come, lay your gifts before the King.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lighting the Christ Candle

Benediction & Response

Closing Music: “Peace, Peace / Silent Night, Holy Night”

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Bob Wuertz

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.

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!

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.

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