

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 Emanuel!

HOLY COMMUNION

(Please come forward using the two middle aisles and return up the outside aisles)

*CAROL OF RESPONSE NO. 103

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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!

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!

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!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing
O come let us adore Him, O Come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

*BENEDICTION

SHINING OUR LIGHT FOR THE WORLD TO SEE

(Please join us on the front steps as we sing *Joy to the World*.)

*Please stand as able.

Murfreesboro Baptist Church

Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24, 2021



Rev. Lane Bass, Pastor

Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director

Mr. Jordan Brown, Youth Ministry Intern

Mr. Corbin Robertson, Youth Ministry Intern

Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

PRELUDE

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save;
Calls you one and calls you all, to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Rev. Lane Bass

*CAROL OF ANTICIPATION NO. 83

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Isaiah 9:2-7

The Clark Family

*CAROLS OF ARRIVAL NOS. 127 & 122

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (verses 1 & 3)

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild he lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (verses 1 & 3)

IN DULCIJUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now:
Christ is born today, Christ is born today! (continued →)

A CHRISTMAS LITANY

Psalm 96

Ms. Sarah Davis

Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord! Praise his name!

We will sing, and we will give him praise, for today Christ is born!

Day after day announce that the Lord saves his people. Tell the world about his glory. Tell all the nations about his miracles. The Lord is great! He should be highly praised.

We will tell of his glory to all who will hear, for today Christ is born!

The Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are in his presence. Strength and beauty are in his holy place. Give to the Lord, you families of the nations. Give to the Lord glory and power. Give to the Lord the glory he deserves.

We will give to the Lord, to him we will ascribe all glory, for today Christ is born!

Bring an offering, and come into his courtyards. Worship the Lord in his holy splendor. Tremble in his presence, all the earth! Say to the nations, "The Lord rules as king!"

We will come before the Lord, we will come with offerings of praise and thanksgiving, for today Christ is born!

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. Let the sea and everything in it roar like thunder. Let the fields and everything in them rejoice. Then all the trees in the forest will sing joyfully in the Lord's presence because he is coming.

We will rejoice with the earth, we will sing praises to the coming King, for today Christ is born!

Come let us be filled with the Spirit of Christmas; let us be assured that God has heard our prayers; let us place our hope in the incarnate Lord; let us tell this good news throughout the Earth,

All: For today Christ is born! Alleluia!

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20

A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

"Many Good Responses"

Rev. Bass

*CAROL OF REFLECTION NO. 107

O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1 & 4)

ST LOUIS

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. (continued →)