

Christmas Eve



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Carols of Christmas: A Children's Christmas Eve Service

by Jeffrey L. Schallert

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Alicia Shanklin (flute)
Ronda McNamara (piano)
Brandon Walshaw (saxophone)
Nicole McNamara (flute)

Silent Night! Holy Night
Angels We Have Heard on High
Go, Tell it on the Mountain
One Small Child

PRELUDE

Piano: Sarah Oberhofer

O Come All Ye Faithful

Arr. John Reading

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CONGREGATION

Trumpet: Tyler Koehler

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Christian Worship #52

Acolyte: Lucas Guenther

STAND

Invocation and Litany

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

M: Unto us the Christ is born:

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

M: Let us worship with musicians and singers throughout the years as they tell the story of Christmas:

C: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Let us worship with the angels and sing praise to the Lord who came to save us:

C: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men.

M: Let us worship with the shepherds who told everyone they met about the child, our Savior.

C: Christ the Lord, our Savior, everlasting God and Mary's son, we praise you forever.

M: O gracious Holy Spirit, enrich us as we hear the story of our Savior's birth. Open our hearts to hear and believe the story we know so well and to share the good tidings of great joy with people everywhere.

C: Hear our prayer, O Lord, for Jesus' sake, whose birth we now celebrate. Amen.

BE SEATED

Introduction

Narration

Dustin Pauley

Nicole McNamara

*As we celebrate the birth of our Savior,
we will include some of the music
that did not make it into our hymnal.*

Recitations (John 1:1-5,14)

Ronda McNamara

Rachel Prigge

Jacob Miller

*While we know that Christmas is for all people of all ages,
we still set aside a special place in the holiday for the children.*

SONG: CHILDREN (Preschool-6)

Little Children, Can You Tell

Little children, can you tell,
Do you know the story well,
Every girl and every boy,
Why the angels sing for joy,
On the Christmas morning?

Yes, we know the story well;
Listen now, and hear us tell
Every girl and every boy,
Why the angels sing for joy,
On the Christmas morning.



The Savior Is Foretold

Narration

Maddy Redman

Recitations (Isaiah 9:2,3,6)

Grace Hansen

Brandon Walshaw

*Our next carol sings out,
"God rest you merry, gentlemen."
Today we would say,
"God send you joy and peace,
good gentlemen!"*



SONG: CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

Drums: *Taylor Parra*

Tambourine: *Diane Kramm*

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

**See special notes*

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen



CHOIR 1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may,
ALL 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came,
ALL 3. Now to the Lord sing prais - es All you with - in this place,



Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ - mas Day;
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought ti - dings of the same,
And with true love and broth - er - hood Each oth - er now em - brace;



To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray:
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name:
This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas Doth bring re - deem - ing grace:



Oh, ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy, Oh, ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

The Journey to Bethlehem

Narration

Isaac Walshaw

Recitations (Luke 2:1-7)

Isabella Prigge

Colin Wilson

Emma Miller

Many of the songs of Christmas have reflected a similar desire to move the nativity into our own experience.



SONG: CHILDREN AND CONGREGATION

The Snow Lay on the Ground

**See special notes*

**Children will sing through once, then repeat with the congregation.*

The Snow Lay on the Ground

*Venite adoremus Dominum: vay-NEE-teh ad-doh-RAY-moos DOH-mee-noom
(Come, let us adore the Lord)

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
When Christ our Lord was born on Christ - mas night. ____

*Ve - ni - te ad - o - re - mus Do - mi - num.
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The Angels and the Shepherds

Narration

Caleb Prigge

Jeffrey Hock

Recitations (Luke 2:8-14)

Isabella Prigge

Colin Wilson

Emma Miller

1-2 GRADE CLASS

*The shepherd is as precious to God
as a king.*



SONG: CHILDREN AND CONGREGATION

The First Noel

**See special notes*

The First Noel

Musical score for "The First Noel" in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The score includes lyrics for children, women, men, and all, as well as a refrain.

CHILDREN 1. The first No - el the an - gel did say
CHILDREN 2. They look - ed up and saw a star
CONG. WOMEN 3. And by the light of that same star
CONG. MEN 4. This star drew nigh all to the north - west,
ALL 5. Then let us all with one ac - cord

Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
Shin - ing in wise men east, yond coun - them far;
The O'er Beth - le - hem from it took its far;
Sing prais - es to our hea - ven - ly Lord;

In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,
And to seek for a King it was their great light,
And there it did both stop and in - tent,
Who hath made heav'n and earth of stay, naught,

On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
And to fol - low the star where ev - er it went.
Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
And with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain
No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,
Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

The Adoration of the Shepherds

Narration

Jonathan Miller
Alicia Shanklin

*It was easy for the shepherds to
tell others about the child
who was wrapped in swaddling
clothes and lying in a manger.*

Recitations (Luke 2:15-20)

Emily Rudd
Naomi Kassulke

P-K CLASS

Jacob Cole	Sam Kassulke
Grayson Festerling	Zach Miller
Hailey Grceвич	Marina Vujasinovic
Toby Grceвич	Dakota Wheeler
Carson Heinz	Elsa Wiechmann
Colby Heinz	Olivia Wilson

SONG: CHILDREN

Solo: *Maddy Redman*

While by the Sheep

While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

Refrain

How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

There shall be born, so he did say,
In Bethlehem a child today

Refrain

There shall the child lie in a stall,
This child who shall redeem us all.

Refrain



The Adoration of the Magi

Narration

Matthew Bernthal

*Gold for the King of kings.
Incense for the Son of God.
Myrrh for the sacrifice of the Lamb of God,
who came to take away the sins of the world.*

Recitations (Matthew 2:1-11)

Rachel Prigge

Jacob Miller

Brandon Walshaw

Grace Hansen

Ronda McNamara

5-6 GRADE CLASS



INSTRUMENTAL SONG:

Piano: *Naomi Kassulke*

We Three Kings of Orient Are

The Glory Yet to Come

Narration

Lucas Guenther

*The same Christ Jesus who came in weakness will
come again in heavenly glory
and bring us to a new world
without the sinfulness and darkness of this one.*

Recitations (Revelation 21:3-5, Isaiah 35:8a,9b,10, John 14:2,3)

Aliyah Armstrong

Naomi Kassulke

Emily Rudd

Andrew Bernthal

3-4 GRADE CLASS

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear



ALL 1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
 WOMEN 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,
 MEN 3. And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing low,
 ALL 4. For lo! the days are has - t'ning on, By proph - ets seen of old,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world;
 Who toil a - long the climb - ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,
 When with the ev - er cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told;



"Peace on the earth good - will to men, From heav - en's all gra - cious King."
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains, They bend on hov'r - ing wing,
 Look now! for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing.
 When the new heav - en and earth shall own The Prince of Peace, their King,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
 And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
 Oh, rest be - side the wear - y road, And hear the an - gels sing!
 And the whole world sends back the song Which now the an - gels sing.



OFFERING

Piano: Sarah Oberhofer

O Holy Night

Arr. Adolphe Adam

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

*Please fill out the Friendship Register in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along.
 Thank you!*

STAND

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank you for the great mercy you have shown to our fallen race. Though we deserve nothing but your anger and your just punishment for our sins, you have shown us mercy and sent your only Son to be our Savior. Though we deserve to spend eternity in the darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth, you have given us great joy and a reason for singing.

May the music of this Christmas season awaken us once again to the wonders of your love. May the songs of men and angels echo in our lives so that we may prove to be faithful Christians, who have been given a new birth through the birth of your Son. Let the glorious strains of Christmas music be ours on earth until we finally may hear, as the shepherds did, the heavenly host saying, "Glory to God in the highest!"

Hear us, O Lord, as we join in the prayer our Redeemer taught us to pray:

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN: CHILDREN AND CONGREGATION

Guitar: *Gloria Gerdts, Lisa Goldie*

Silent Night! Holy Night

Christian Worship #60

**See special notes*

CHILDREN: 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.

CONGREGATION: Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heav'nly 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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN: CONGREGATION

Trumpet: *Tyler Koehler, James Pauley*

Joy to the World
Christian Worship #62

POSTLUDE

Piano: *Sarah Oberhofer*

It Came upon a Midnight Clear
Arr. Richard S. Willis

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

- Service Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke
- PianistsSarah Oberhofer and Kathy Parra
- Christmas Service Directors Beth Kassulke and Kathy Parra
- Worship Choir DirectorTeri Guenther
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If you would like to view this service again or to share it with friends or relatives, it will be posted on the Grace website later this week. Find it at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com, and click on "Worship & Study."

Thank you for joining us for worship this Christmas Eve. We pray that God will continue to strengthen you in your faith through his Word, during this blessed season and beyond. If you are a guest with us today and do not have a church home, we would consider it a special privilege to share God's Word with you on a regular basis. Please take a guest packet from the table near the exit to learn more about Grace and the ministries God has allowed us to undertake.

We invite you to join us for these holiday worship services:

- **Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 at 10:00 AM.** There will be a Festival Worship Service for the Nativity of our Lord at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail on Christmas morning.
- **New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31 at 7:00 PM.** Join us as we celebrate God's goodness to us in the year coming to a close and as we ask for God's blessing on the year ahead. This service will include the reading of the names of our members whom the Lord called home during the past year. Our New Year's Eve Service is at Grace-University.

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

At Grace-Vail

Worshiping at Cottonwood
Elementary 9950 E. Rees Loop

9:00 AM	Children's Sunday School
9:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
10:00 AM	Worship Service

At Grace-University

830 N. First Avenue

7:45 AM	Worship Service
8:45 AM	Children's Sunday School
9:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
10:00 AM	Worship Service

