

“Christ the Savior Is Born”

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-14

Prayer (unison)

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have stooped to raise fallen humanity.
Grant that we who have seen your glory
revealed in our human nature,
and your love made perfect in our weakness,
may daily be renewed in your image,
and conformed to the pattern of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Carol “Be Born In Me” arr. McClure
Soloist: Harper Krimm

Everything inside me cries for order,
Everything inside me wants to hide.
Is this shadow an angel or a warrior?
If God is pleased with me, why am I so terrified?
Someone tell me I am only dreaming,
Someone help me see with heaven’s eyes.
And before my head agrees, my heart is on its knees.
Holy is He. Blessed am I.

Be born in me. Be born in me.
Trembling heart, somehow I believe
That you chose me.
I’ll hold you in the beginning,
You will hold me in the end.
Every moment in the middle,
Make my heart your Bethlehem.
Be born in me.

All this time we’ve waited for the promise,
All this time you waited for my arms.
Did you wrap yourself inside the unexpected
So we might know that love would go that far?

I am not brave; I’ll never be.
The only thing my heart can offer is a vacancy.
I’m just a girl, nothing more.
I am willing, I am yours.

Benediction

Postlude “Joy to the World” arr. Palmer
String Quartet



Director of Music, Robert Norris

Adult Choir

Sopranos

Jenna Cobb
Tammy Darity
Shari Hurne
Harper Krimm
Cheryl Ledford
Mary Ann Merritt
Danielle Nunnery
Emma Reeves
Mollie Respass
Brenda Thompson
Molly Ulshafer

Altos

Melanie Branham
Olivia Burdette
Jean Devich
April DuBose
Anna Goodwin
Barbara Gutwein
Renee Keese
Anne Kilpatrick
Tracey Lake

Tenors

John DuBose
Steve Freeman
Aylor Hargrave
Roger Levesque
Monty Oxendine
Judy Seeley

Basses

Gregg Branham
Randy German
D’andre Hicks
Matt Lake
Richard Mintz
Owen O’Halloran
Gary Thompson

Musicians

Violin 1, Kathy Perry
Violin 2, Kate Strickland
Viola, Caroline Norris
Cello, Jeannie Edwards
Organ/Piano, Marianne Norris



Easley Presbyterian Church
December 7, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Wexford Carol” arr. Palmer
String Quartet

Carol “O Come All Ye Faithful” arr. Forrest

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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus to Thee be all glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

* Call to Worship

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord!
Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!
People: The Mighty One has done great things for us!
Holy is God’s name!
Leader: Let us worship God,
for God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
People: From generation to generation,
God gives mercy.
(based on Luke 1:46-50)

* Opening Prayer (Unison)

Father in heaven,
our hearts desire the warmth of your love,
and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ, our Savior,
and give us the strength to grow in love,
that the dawn of his coming
may find us rejoicing in his presence
and welcoming the light of his truth.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle
Keith, Natalie, & Gabe Herman-Muccilli
Isaiah 11:1-2, 5-6

Prayer with Children
(Ages K3-1st Grade may leave for Children’s Church)

Little ones to Him belong:
Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.

“The Spirit of the Lord Shall Rest Upon Him”

Carol “O Come, Emmanuel” arr. Hagenberg

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

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine Advent here;
And drive away the shades of night
And pierce the clouds and bring us light.

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

O come, Desire of Nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.

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

“They Shall See the Glory of the Lord”

Scripture Reading Isaiah 35:1-4

Meditation

Carol “In the Bleak Midwinter” arr. Hayes
Soloist: Mary Ann Merritt

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone:
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air,
But only his mother, in her maiden bliss,
Worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

“A Righteous Branch For David”

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33:14-17

Meditation

Carol “Winter Rose” arr. Martin

In the silence of the winter while stars shown high above,
God sent from heaven’s garden a rose to show His love.
It opened in the dark of night
While the world was fast asleep.
So perfect was its beauty, it made the heavens weep.

The angels paused to wonder upon that winsome sight.
And kings and shepherds gathered to worship in its light.
They all breathed in its beauty, a precious sweet perfume.
And in the bleak midwinter the Rose began to bloom.

O let us now remember when God put on the thorn.
And love restored the garden
And the winter Rose was born.
O, Love restored the garden
And the winter Rose was born.

“I Will Seek Out My Sheep”

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16

Meditation

Carol “I Ponder” arr. Courtney

The heaven’s are silent, the wisemen have gone,
The flurries of angels have finished their song.
The shepherds have long since returned to their sheep,
The stable is empty the star fast asleep.
I ponder the wonders I carry inside:
A star bright as diamonds, an ebony sky,
The shepherd who carries a little white lamb,
The wise man who offers the gold in his hand.

That Bethlehem evening is far, far away
From the world where I live,
The world of today.
I pause and I ponder, a miracle starts,
The savior is born once again in my heart.
I ponder the wonders I carry inside:
The thunder of wings from the angels on high,
The sight of the manger, the scent of the hay,
The Child smiling up at the creatures He made.

“He Shall Be Their Peace”

Scripture Reading Micah 5:2-5a

Meditation

* Carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem” No. 121

Offering

Offertory Carol “Love Came Down” arr. Helvey
Men’s Quartet

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.

“Born For Us, Born In Us”

Scripture Reading I Peter 2:4-10

Meditation

Carol “Silent Is the Night” arr. Althouse

Hush. Hush. Silent is the night.
But Christ will come to Mary
Before the morning light.
Hush. Hush. Peace to all the earth,
For tonight will come a Savior,
And tonight a holy birth.

Be still, be still. Silent is the night.
Be still, be still; silent is the world tonight.

Hush. Hush. Look up in the sky.
There’s a star above a manger.
Hear a newborn baby cry.
Hush. Hush. See the holy one.
Sing a lullaby, so he may sleep,
For he is God’s own Son.

Be still, be still. Silent is the night.
Be still, be still; silent is the world tonight.
Silent night, holy night. Hush.