



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2020

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O Come, Little Children - arr. Jason D. Payne

O Come, All Ye Faithful - PH 132

The First Nowell - PH141

Love Came Down at Christmas - John Rutter

The Secret of Christmas

Angels We Have Heard on High

Silent Night, Holy Night - PH 138

Joy to the World - PH 130

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this night, we are

THOSE WHO
DREAM

christmas eve



The Work of Christmas

By the Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,

To make music in the heart.

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Greeting

Rev. Reebee Kavich Girash

Prelude

O Come, Little Children - arr. Jason D. Payne

Dot Bowe

Welcome and Announcements

Sarah Jane Fuller



Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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!*

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

3 Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
 We would embrace thee, with love and awe;
 Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? *[Refrain:]*

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

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Latin: John F. Wade, 1711-1786
 Tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, and others

ADESTE FIDELES Irregular
 John F. Wade's "Cantus Diversi," 1751

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!
 We would em - brace thee, with love and awe;
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord! A - men.

Izzy: Hear this call to worship.
Fiona: May the love that breathes life into all humanity and all of creation
Izzy: Be born in us tonight.
Izzy: May the love that brings us healing
Fiona: Be born in us tonight.
Fiona: May the love that overcomes hatred
Izzy: Be born in us tonight.
Izzy: May the love that forgives and renews
Fiona: Be born in us tonight.
Fiona: May the love that brings the blessing of peace
Izzy: Be born in us tonight!

Carol **The First Nowell**

1 The first Nowell the angels did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*[Refrain:] Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

2 They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

[Refrain]

3 And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went.

[Refrain]

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest: O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay, Right over the place where Jesus lay.

[Refrain]

5 Then entered in those wise men three, Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there, in his presence, Their gold and myrrh, and frankincense.

[Refrain]

The First Nowell

Traditional English Carol

THE FIRST NOWELL Irregular with Refrain
Traditional English Melody

1 The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say, Was to
2 They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing
3 And by the light of that same star Three
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where
in the east, be - yond them far, And to the
wise men came from coun - try far; To seek for a
Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And there it
rev - erent - ly up - on their knee, And of - fered

they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's
earth it gave great light, And so it con -
king was their in - tent, And to fol - low the
did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the
there, in his pres - ence, Their gold and

night that was so deep.
tin - ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh and frank - in - cense.

ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Lighting the Christmas Candle -- The Boehm Family

Tonight, we relight the four candles of Advent. These candles remind us of God's light, which came to live in the world in Jesus, and still shines in our world today.

O God, let your light shine in our hearts tonight and always.

We remember that these candles symbolize the hope we find in faith, God's peace which passes all understanding, the joy of Jesus' birth, and the love God has for each and every one of us.

God, you bless us with these gifts of hope, peace, joy and love.

This evening we light the final candle. It stands in the center of all the others. This is the Christ candle. It reminds us that Jesus is God's greatest gift to us.

Thanks and praise and glory be to God in the highest!

Anthem

Love Came Down at Christmas

Pilgrim Church Choir

Scripture Reading

John 1: 1-5

Julia Johnston

1In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. 2The Word was with God in the beginning. 3Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being 4through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

(Common English Bible Translation, adapted)

Meditation

Rev. Reebee Kavich Girash

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father (Creator), 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Taylor Breiby

This evening as we welcome the Christ Child, our greatest and most sacred gift, we consider how we may be gifts to our neighbors. Tonight's offering will be given to Cambodian Cocoon (<https://cambodiancocoon.weebly.com>) and Health Care Without Walls (<https://www.healthcarewithoutwalls.org>).

There are two ways you can give for the Christmas Eve offering: you can send a check with Christmas Eve Offering in the memo to Pilgrim Church, or you can give via our [website](#) using a credit card or Paypal. Thank you for helping Pilgrim Church continue to bless our neighbors, even in this unusual season.

Offertory

The Secret of Christmas

Max Evrard and Elena Snow-Evrard

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Alice Van Evera

No offering is adequate to express our thanks, loving God, but what we give, we bring with joy.

May the good tidings live in these gifts and in our lives. May the ends of the earth know the steadfast love of God. Grant comfort to those who mourn, peace to those who face the world's turmoil, and joy to all who serve in Christ's name. Amen.

A Pilgrim Christmas Pageant

2020 Christmas Pageant Cast

Mary: Acadia Z.
Joseph: Luca Z.
Angel: Mairi M.
Innkeeper: Elena Zorn
Donkey: Nick Zorn
Magi: Ed Bond
Storytellers: Isabella S., Julia C., Madeleine C., Eleanor C.,
Deven A., Lily S., Sarah Jane Fuller
Heavenly Host: Choir

A special thank you to Kim Bond for her help with costumes & filming, and to Sydney S. for helping rehearsals run smoothly.

(For privacy reasons, last names of minors are omitted.)



Carol We Three Kings

1 We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

*[Refrain:] Oh, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light*

2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.

[Refrain]

3 Frankincense to offer have I, Incense own a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising, Worship him, God on high.

[Refrain]

4 Myrrh is mine; it's bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom:
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

[Refrain]

5 Glorious now behold him a rise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies.

[Refrain]

We Three Kings of Orient Are

John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, all.

KINGS OF ORIENT 8.8.8.6. with Refrain

John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

In unison

1 We three kings of O-ri-ent are, Bear-ing gifts we trav-erse a - far
2 Born a king on Beth-le-hem's plain, Gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
3 Frank-in-cense to of-fer have I, In - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit-ter per-fume Breathes a life of gath-er-ing gloom:
5 Glo-rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

Field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain, Fol-low-ing yon - der star.
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.
Prayer and prais-ing, all men rais - ing, Wor-ship him, God on high.
Sor-rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Sounds through the earth and skies.

REFRAIN

O star of won-der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau-ty bright,

West-ward lead - ing, still pro-ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

Carol Silent Night, Holy Night - Greg Dayton-Guitar

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 Al-le-lu-ia;
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

3 Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, oh, 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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Silent Night, Holy Night

Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848
Tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

STILLE NACHT Irregular
Franz Gruber, 1787-1863

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep-herds quake at the sight,
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

Round yon vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far, Heav-en-ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
Ra - dant beams from thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.



Carol Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.
- 3 He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders, of his love. Amen.

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns: Let men their
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ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
na - tions prove The glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

And heaven and na - ture sing, And
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
And won - ders of his love, And

sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love. A - men.

heaven and na - ture sing.
peat the sound - ing joy,
won - ders of his love,

Merry Christmas from Pilgrim Church to You!



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