



Candlelight Communion Services

December 24, 2016
8:00 & 10:00 pm

Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek • Associate Pastor
Nicholas B. Merchant • Director of Youth Ministry
Timothy B. Dobbins • Pastoral Associate

♦ Where you see an asterisk (*), those who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE "Noel" SUSAN DODD, organ
– Louis-Claude Daquin

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*The candles will be lit by Georgiana and Everett Schuldt at 8 pm,
and by Beth, Madison, Hunter and Matt Moore at 10 pm.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**People: We will sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the
sound of the horn. Tonight, we light these candles as
a sign of the coming light of Christ: a candle for hope,
peace, joy, and love. And tonight we light the Christ
candle in celebration of the birth of our Lord.
Arise, shine; for your light has come!**

Leader: Let the sea, and all that fills it resound in praise!
Let the world and all those who live in it rejoice!
Let the rivers reverberate adoration and the mountains
shake from acclamation!

**People: We will sing You a new song, O God, for the marvelous
things You have done. And so this evening we light
the Christ Candle in celebration of the birth of our Lord.
Arise, shine; for your light has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God!
(Adapted from Psalm 98 & Isaiah 60:1)

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL** "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:

(REFRAIN) 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! (Repeat REFRAIN)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest! (Repeat REFRAIN)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT
God of love, open the hearts and minds of many this
Christmastime to the good and saving news of Jesus Christ, that
all tonight who are hurting or feeling empty, may find in the one
born at Bethlehem all they need today— and much more besides.
For His name's sake, Amen.

ANTHEM "Angels From the Realms of Glory" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– arr. Dan Forrest (8 pm)
Renee LaBonte and Susan Dodd, piano

"Carol of the Bells" KIRK SINGERS AND ALUMNI
– arr. Peter J. Wilhousky (10 pm)

NEW TESTAMENT READING N. T. PAGE 91
John 1: 1-14

MESSAGE REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER BENEK
"The Gift of Wonder and Awe"

***CAROL** "Joy to the World!" ANTIOCH
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.

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.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS OFFERING TIMOTHY B. DOBBINS

OFFERTORY "Still, Still, Still" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– arr. Luboff (8 pm)
"African Gloria" KIRK SINGERS AND ALUMNI
– Carole Stephens (10 pm)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER BENEK
NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

THE LORD'S PRAYER
**Our Father 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.**

During the distribution of the bread, the congregation is invited to remain seated.

CAROL "What Child is This" GREENSLEEVES
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?

(REFRAIN) This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. (Repeat REFRAIN)

CAROL "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" W ZLOBIE LEZY
Infant holy, Infant lowly,
for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging Angels singing,
Noels ringing, Tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping; Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow,
Praises voicing Greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you.

PROPHECY AND PROMISE

SOLO "Breath of Heaven" (Mary's Song) BARBARA YATROUSIS,
– Chris Eaton and Amy Grant *soprano*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Remember that the lighted candle remains upright, the unlighted candle is tipped to be lighted. Pass the light of God's love to those sitting beside you. Please place candleholders in receptacles by the doors as you leave this evening.

***CAROL** "Silent Night! Holy Night!" STILLE NACHT

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 Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour 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.

Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous Star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Postlude on *Adeste Fideles*" SUSAN DODD,
– Eric Thiman *organ*

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