

Christmas Day
December 25, 2016
11:00 am

Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek • Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Richard B. Anderson • Associate Pastor
Nicholas B. Merchant • Director of Youth Ministry

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PRELUDE ORGAN

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION REV. DR. RICHARD B. AND NANCY ANDERSON

***HYMN 28** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION** with silent personal confession NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SING
(congregation may be seated, see reverse side)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SOLO JEANNELLE BENEK, soprano

OLD TESTAMENT READING O.T. PAGE 551
Psalm 98

MESSAGE REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER BENEK
"The Church on Christmas"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN 25** "Away in a Manger" MUELLER
(Stanzas 1 and 3)

***BENEDICTION**

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The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of Doris C. Taxis (12/27/99), Rev. Dr. John O. Taxis (04/09/05), Metaxia (May) Yatrousis (12/03/08) and Aristides E. Yatrousis (08/03/90), by their children and grandchild, Linda Taxis Hemphill, Barbara and Steve Yatrousis, and Lindsay Hemphill.

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Congregational Carol Sing

THE FIRST NOWELL

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In fields where they lay
keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night
that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo;
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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.

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth,
good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King":
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

SILENT NIGHT

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,
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JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
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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,
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HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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 the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
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Come, and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!

Refrain:
O come, let us adore Him,
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Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
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