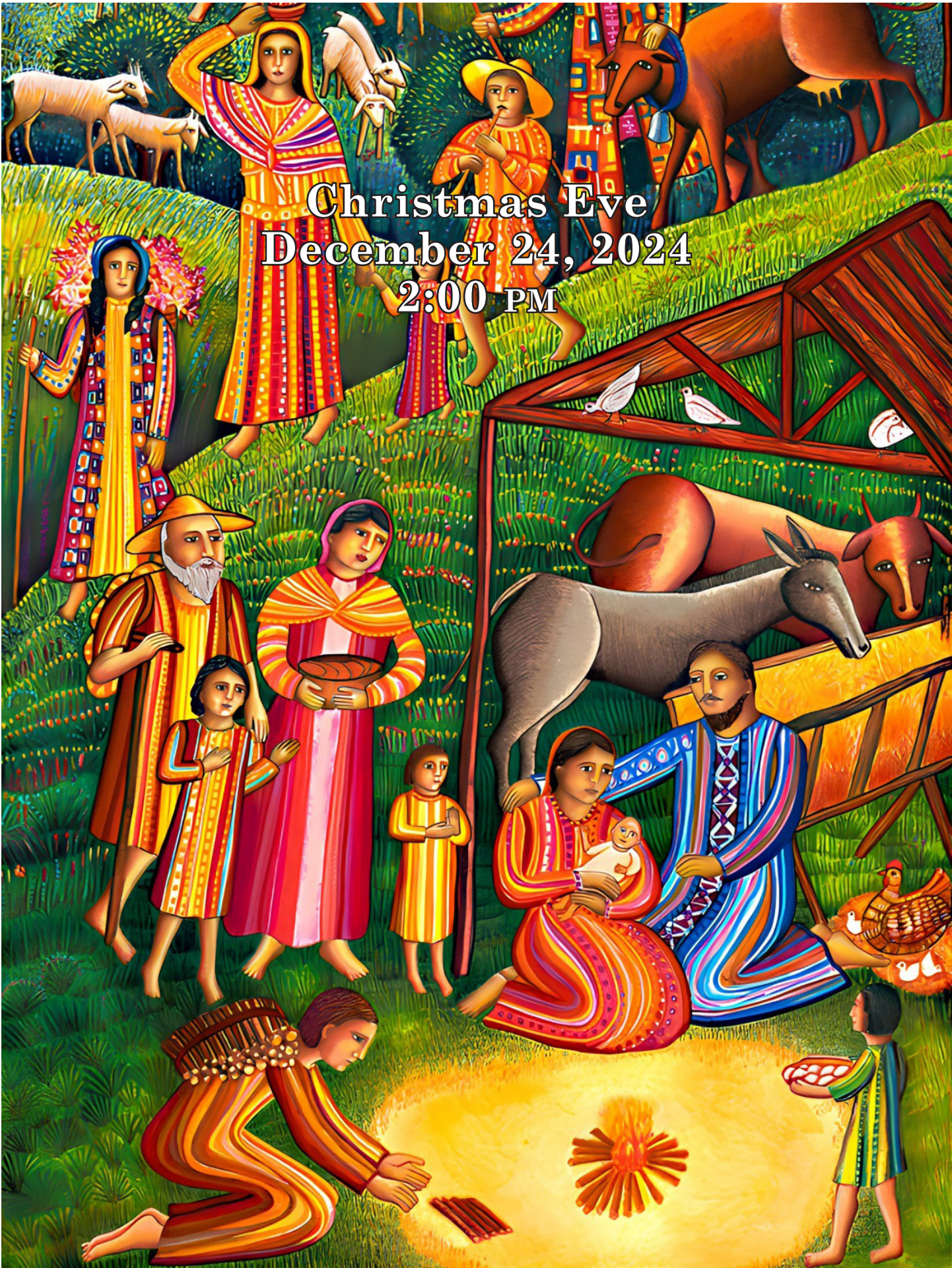


Christmas Eve
December 24, 2024
2:00 PM



GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE

About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God.

The Variations by Dupré heard at the end of the prelude and for the postlude are on the 15th century French Christmas Carol, Noël Nouvelet.

The First Nowell

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

David Willcocks

Prelude on Regent Square

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Joy to the World"

Hal Hopson

Selections from Variations on a Noël

Marcel Dupré

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Call to Worship

This is a time we praise God and let God know we are glad to be together.

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 nature sing!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Holy child of Bethlehem,

you are the hope of the world,

the song of the angels,

the treasure of our hearts

and the glory of God among us.

Call us to worship you in places

where your love is born anew.

On this holy night

draw us into the mystery of your love.

Send us out to serve you,

sharing good news of great joy

and praising God through you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**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!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!
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!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named. TEXT and MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1743.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Loving God, you sent your love to us in the birth of your son.

**Let us show our love by confessing our sins to God
and one another.**

Call to and Prayer of Confession

The minister invites us to say, "I'm sorry, God." We will try to follow God and do the right thing. But when we don't, we ask God to forgive us. We try to help people in God's world. But when we don't do enough, we can tell God we are sorry. This is what "confession" means.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace,
You brought your light into the world
through Jesus Christ.
We know that we often forget that light
in the excitement of this time; forgive us Lord.
Remind us of your amazing love,
and help us to share that love
at home and in the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(The liturgist pours water, which reminds us of our baptism.)

Behold, I bring good news of a great joy;
for to you is born in the city of David,
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Assurance of Pardon

God says, "I forgive you and I love you."

THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG

THE PROPHECY

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (*Old Testament, page 638 in your pew Bible*)

THE VERY FIRST CHRISTMAS

THE SETTING

ANTHEM

Advent Blessing

Kris Crunk

Bless all you sons and daughters
who await the coming child;
The only Son, the Promised One.
Who comes to us born in a stable, in a stable.
Bless all the children of the light,
with their brilliant faces.
Lift high your candles, show the night;
That Christ overcomes the darkness,
the darkness. Alleluia, Alleluia.
The light of Light, overshadows.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Brighter than the things of Earth,
Son of God, humble birth,
Son of God, humble birth.
Bless all who worship in this place,
the coming breath of heaven.
The One whose life and death
becomes salvation to the nations,
to the nations. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke 2:1-7 (*New Testament, page 58 in your pew Bible*)

THE ANGELS VISIT THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8-14 (*New Testament, page 58 in your pew Bible*)

The Birth of Jesus

We tell this story from
Luke and Matthew so we
remember that Jesus
came as a child.

**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!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

THE SHEPHERDS COME TO THE MANGER

Luke 2:15-20 (*New Testament, page 58 in your pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Hurry to Bethlehem

Allen Pote

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry to Bethlehem!
Run to the stable to see the baby.
Hurry! Hurry! Hurry to Bethlehem!
Run to the stable to see the baby boy!
Come with me to the manger to see the infant King.
Bring your gifts on bended knee.
Together let us sing!
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Glory to God in the highest! Gloria...
Hurry, hurry, hurry, run to the stable,
hurry, hurry, hurry, run to the stable,
hurry, hurry, hurry, run to the stable,
quickly come run with me! Hurry! Hurry!
Hurry to Bethlehem!
Run to the stable to see the baby.
Hurry! Hurry! Hurry to Bethlehem!
Run to the stable to see the baby boy!
Gloria... Glory to God in the highest!

THE KINGS PRESENT THEIR GIFTS TO JESUS

Matthew 2:1-2, 9b-11

(New Testament, page 2 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Lullaby Carol

Jan Reese

Lullaby, little one, stars watching o'er you.
Lullaby, little one, stars watch above.
Lullaby, little one, Dear baby sleeping.
Mary is holding you, Guarding and keeping.
Lullaby, little one, here in the manger.
Lullaby, little one, rest your sweet head.
Lullaby, little one, Angels are singing.
Telling the world of the love you are bringing.
Thinking of joy and love the night will bring.
Lullaby, little one, stars watching o'er you.
Lullaby little one, stars watch above.
Lullaby little one, Dear baby sleeping.
Lullaby, lullaby softly we sing.
Mary is holding you, Guarding and keeping.
Thinking of joy and love this night will bring.
Mary is holding you...

*HYMN

KINGS OF ORIENT

We Three Kings of Orient Are

**We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.**

***O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!***

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.
*O star of wonder . . .***

*We Three Kings of
Orient Are*

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.
TEXT and MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

(The children are invited to come forward as directed by the ushers, and put their gifts of food or money with the gifts from the wise men.)

Offertory Music Cradle Song Lullaby Malcolm Archer

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Praying together)*

**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.**

PROCESSION OF LIGHT

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 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.**

Offering

Our offering today goes to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Procession of Light

Let your light shine in the world with a smile, a hug, a kind word.

Silent Night, Holy Night

The tradition that this carol's tune was created for guitar accompaniment at its first singing on Christmas Eve 1818 seems reliable, though a recent find shows that the text was about two years old. But there is no question that this is now a favorite Christmas carol worldwide. TEXT: Joseph Mohr, 1816; MUSIC: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818.

SENDING

Joy to the World

***HYMN**

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719; MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1742.

**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.**

The *Benediction* is a blessing to remind us that God loves us and that we are to go out into the world and share with our friends and family about God.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugato and Presto on a Noël

Marcel Dupré

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

SERVICE NOTES

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS: Sophie Maness, Executive Director of Children's Ministry and Congregational Life. The fourth and fifth graders leading through Word and action in our worship service today are:

Reading Liturgy: James Warfield, McKenzie Coviello, Charlotte Munson

Dress Up Parts: Britt Childers, Ann Baker Lee, Alex Baker, Ann Wesley Pennington, Josephine Simcox, Wynne Tompkins, Charlie Cornelius, Grace Robers. They will show us the way to the Christ child.

USHERS: Roan Barbour and Ellis Smith.

MUSICIANS: Alleluia Choir (Susan Ramsey and Dave Goodridge, leaders); Gloria Choir (Dale Nickell and Roberta Rodgers, leaders); Jubilate Choir (Ally Hard and John Semingson, leaders); John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Dale Nickell, Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries.

Many thanks today to **Susan Ramsey** our wonderful Alleluia Choir director! This is her last day with us before she retires. She has led our youngest children's choir at Westminster faithfully for over 30 years. She is a master teacher who has mentored many area music educators through her teaching at Belmont and MTSU. Thank you, Susan, we are going to miss you a lot! Thank you for your outstanding leadership and precious friendship!

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THE CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING this afternoon will be cans of food for Second Harvest Food Bank, which we invite children to bring to the manger during the Offertory. Monetary gifts may be brought as well, and placed in the basket by the manger or in the offering plate. These monies, too, will be given to Second Harvest.

POINSETTIAS 2024

The poinsettias that grace the Sanctuary and Parlor
are given to the glory of God and

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Honey and Drew Alexander
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John Anderson

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Gerald Royce Armstrong

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on the cover:

JOHN AUGUST SWANSON was born January 11, 1938 in El Monte, California, and died September 23, 2021, in Los Angeles. He painted in oil, watercolor, acrylic, and mixed media, and was an independent printmaker of limited edition serigraphs, lithographs, etchings, and other prints.

His art reflected his strong heritage of storytelling, inherited from his Mexican mother and Swedish father. John Swanson's narratives are direct and easily understood. He addressed human values, cultural roots, and the quest for self-discovery through visual images. These include Bible stories and celebrations, circuses, concerts, and operas. He optimistically embraced life and spiritual transformation.

I wanted to capture the people that are bringing gifts. They are the poor people in the region all bringing their meager offerings to share with the homeless holy family: firewood, eggs, bread, flour, a cow with milk, water, and fruit; even a child has come to serenade them.

--John August Swanson

John August Swanson first painted Nativity as a watercolor in 1987, and based his 1988 serigraph on it. The serigraph followed *Shepherds*, 1985, and continued his Birth Narrative series: *Shepherds*, 1985, *Nativity*, 1988, *Epiphany*, 1988, *A Visit*, 1995, *Flight into Egypt*, 2002, and *Presentation in the Temple*, 2004.

Planned in 2017 as a companion piece to *The Annunciation*, this Nativity giclee has been sized to match that piece, and has warmer skin tones, gradations, and additional details in the plants and sky from Swanson's other serigraphs, paintings, and sketches.

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