



Gather As the People of God

Prelude *Austrian Cradle Carol* arr. John S. Dixon
(Bells of Providence)

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent candle:

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Those who lived in deep darkness—on them light has shined!

Leader: For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

People: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us.

People: And we have seen His glory—glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Leader: We light the Christ Candle, rejoicing that the Light of the World has come.

Hymn 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* text and music by J.F. Wade, 1743

Anthem *Come to Us Now, Emmanuel* Nancy Price and Don Besig
(Katie Dixon, violin)

A Christmas Eve Prayer

Hymn 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem.* text by Phillip Brooks, 1868
Music by Lewis Redner, 1868

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

Solo *Gesù Bambino* Pietro A. Yon
(Ashley Veraque, soprano; Katie Dixon, violin)

The Word

Scripture Reading
The Preached Word

Luke 2:1-20
The Shepherd's Song

Responding to the Word

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Christmas Lullaby (The Gift)

George Stone

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Anthem

Noël, Noël

Randall Thompson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Passing the Light of Christ

(As your candle is lit with the light of Christ, you are invited to turn and light your neighbor's candle, sharing the light with those near you. To avoid wax spills, the lighted candle remains upright, and the unlit candle is tipped to be lighted.)

Hymn 122

Silent Night

text by Joseph Mohr, 1816
music by Franz Grüber, 1818

*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.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.*

The Sending

Benediction

Closing Response

Joy to the World

text by Isaac Watts, 1719
music by G.F. Handel

*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.*

Postlude

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

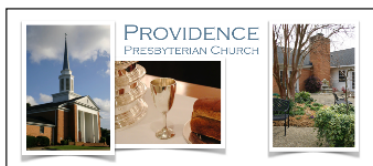
English Carol

Have a blessed week!

Merry Christmas!

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