

9th Carol: *Silent Night! Holy 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, 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!

*** Closing Carol: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (please stand)***

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!
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!



*** Benediction & Response:**

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

God Bless us, every one!



** Those who are comfortable able, please stand. All others, please remain comfortably seated.*

*A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
of Nine Lessons & Carols
7:00 pm, Year of Our Lord 2017*



Opening Carol: *Do You Hear What I Hear?*

Said the night wind to the little lamb, Do you see what I see? (*women echo*)
Way up in the sky, little lamb, Do you see what I see? (*women echo*)

A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite, With a tail as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, Do you hear what I hear? (*men echo*)
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy, Do you hear what I hear? (*men echo*)

A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea, With a voice as big as the sea.

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, Do you know what I know? (*girls echo*)
In your palace warm, mighty king, Do you know what I know? (*girls echo*)

A Child, a Child shivers in the cold.

Let us bring Him silver and gold, Let us bring Him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people everywhere, Listen to what I say! (*boys echo*)
Pray for peace, people, everywhere, Listen to what I say! (*boys echo*)

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night;
He will bring us goodness and light, He will bring us goodness and light.

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{Welcome & Announcements}

Prelude: *In the Bleak Midwinter* G. Holst
Sussex Carol Mindy McMahon, Harp & Hannah Reitz, Violin Trad. English
Maranatha Voice – Mindy McMahon G. Chiusano

Call to Worship Rev. Ron Lavoie

Choir Anthem: *Can You Hear the Christmas Bells?* J. Raney



Lighting the Advent Wreath Bob & Paula Rawding

Opening Carol: *Do You Hear What I Hear?* (see front cover)

1st Lesson: *The Fall of Man* (Genesis 3:1-12, 17-19) David & Andrea Duskocil
1st Carol: *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* (see insert)

2nd Lesson: *To Us a Child Is Born* (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7) Leigh deRochemont
2nd Carol: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (see insert)

3rd Lesson: *A Promised Ruler From Bethlehem* (Micah 5:2) Rev. Ron Lavoie
3rd Carol: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (see insert)

4th Lesson: *The Angel Appears to Mary* (Luke 1:26-38) Rev. Terry & Karlotta Shanahan
4th Carol: *What Child Is This?* (see insert)

Choir Anthem: *Who Will Go to Bethlehem?* Rebecca Hotz, Bassoon S. Andrews

5th Lesson: *The Angel Appears to Joseph* (Matthew 1:18-22) Delores Brice
5th Carol: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (see insert)

6th Lesson: *The Birth of Jesus* (Luke 2:1-7) John & Linda Cavanagh
6th Carol: *Away in a Manger* (see insert)

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Women's Chorus: *The Lamb* from *Songs of Innocence* L. Enns

7th Lesson: *Angels Appear to Shepherds* (Luke 2:8-14) Paula Rawding
7th Carol: *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* (see insert)

8th Lesson: *The Visit of the Wise Men* (Matthew 2:1-12) Diane Maxam
8th Carol: *We Three Kings of Orient Are* (see insert)

{The offering is received during the 8th Carol, "We Three Kings"}

9th Lesson: *The Word Became Flesh* (John 1:1-5, 9-14) Rev. Ron Lavoie

O Holy Night Mindy McMahon, Harp & Hannah Reitz, Violin A. Adam

{Candlelight Service - the house lights are dimmed}

9th Carol: *Silent Night! Holy Night!* (see back cover)

{The house lights are turned back on}

{Please stand for our Closing Carol: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"}

* Closing Carol: *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* (see back cover)

* Christmas Greeting & Response:

Minister: Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

People: God Bless us, everyone!

Postlude: *From Heaven Above* J. Pachelbel

(Special thanks to all who helped make this evening's service possible)



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