

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

Mrs. Jane W Sullivan, director Mrs. S. J Angier, organist Mrs. Robert Norwood, violinist

PRELUDE

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Edmundson

"Pastorale" on a XII Century Melody

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Prophecy and Annunciation

Hymn 83

"O Come, O Come, Immanuel" Ancient Plain Song

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7

Luke 1: 26-33, 38

Adult Choir

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" Manz Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed His blood That we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God, who was and is to come. Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

Adult Choir

"There Shall A Star"

Mendlessohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a sceptre from Israel rise up. And dash in pieces princes and nations. As bright the star of morning gleams, So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation! Thy Word, O Lord, Radiance darting Truth imparting Gives salvation; Thine be praise and adoration!

A Virgin Shall Conceive

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6: 1-9

7:11-14

Matthew 1: 18-25

Adult Choir

"A Virgin Unspotted" Mrs. Gladys Lindsay, mezzo-soprano

Billings

A virgin unspotted by Prophet foretold, should bring forth a Saviour which now we behold, To be our Redeemer from Death, Hell and Sin. Which Adam's transgressions involved us in.

Chorus Then let us be merry, put sorrow away, Our Saviour, Christ Tesus, was born on this day.

God sent down an angel from heaven so high, To certain poor shepherds in fields as they lie, And made them no longer in sorrow to stay, Because that our Saviour was born on this day.

Then presently after, the shepherds did spy A number of angels that stood in the sky: They joyfully talked and sweetly did sing "To God be all glory, our Heavenly King!"

To teach us humility all this was done, To learn us from hence haughty pride for to shun. The manger his cradle who came from above, The great God of mercy, of peace and of love.

Mr. Marvin Vick, tenor — Mr. Robert Trickey, trombone

To us is born Emmanuel, Christ the Lord, As foretold by Gabriel, Christ the Lord, Our Saviour and Redeemer, Our Saviour and King. Here at His cradle songs we sing, Christ the Lord, And to Him our gifts we bring. Today was born this little Child, Christ the Lord, Born of Mary, Virgin mild, Christ the Lord, Our Saviour and Redeemer, Our Saviour and King.

OFFERTORY

"Pastorale Symphony" from the Messiah

Handel

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Hymn 100

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Redner

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11: 1-9

Luke 2: 1-7

Mark 10: 13-16

Primary Choir

"While Stars Their Vigil Keep"

Luvaas

While stars their vigil keep O Babe, serenely sleep, In hearts that hail Thy birth; In mine, O peacefully slumber! Make it a bed for heaven's King; Cleansed by the song the angels sing: Lullaby, Lullaby, Glory to God and peace on earth!

When sunbeams fade and die And song recedes on high, Renew, O Lord, in me The joy, the bliss of Thy slumber! Make me Thy dwelling place on earth, Filled with radiance of Thy birth! Lullaby, Glory be Thine eternally!

Junior Choir

"Lullaby on Christmas Eve"

Christiansen

Mother her vigil is keeping, Hush, little babe, to her song; Rest thee secure in thy sleeping, Grow thee more stately and strong. Slumber, Gently thine eyelids close; Slumber, Cradled in sweet repose.

Babe of my bosom, be winging, Softly where dreamlands begin, Christmas Eve bells are a ringing, Festively calling thee in. Kling Klang, Dream of the Child divine; Kling Klang, Dear little Babe of mine.

Youth Choir

"Raise Now Your Songs on High"

High" Saint-Saens from Christmas Oratorio

Now sing we, now rejoice, Raise now our voices, Sing aloud in joyful strains in His holy shrine. Raise now your song on high, Praise and adore Him, Glory to the heav'nly King, Bless His holy name, Sing, O ye heavens and earth, exalt Him, Praise ye the Lord, sing His praises in joyful strains, Alleluia. To God all glory and adoration, Praise ye the Lord, sing His praises in joyful strains. Alleluia.

The Coming of the Shepherds

Hymn 97

"The First Noel"

Old English Carol

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 8-20

and Primary Choirs Elizabeth Woodward, soprano; Arlene Vickers, alto Robert Leverenz, tenor: Charles Sullivan, bass

While shepherds watched their sheep by night, Glad tidings brought an angel bright: How great their joy. Glory to God in heav'n on high! "Fear not at all," he said to them, "Jesus is born in Bethlehem!" How great their joy! Glory to God in heav'n on high! "There shall ye find in stable mean, Christ who shall save the world from sin;" How great their joy, Glory to God in heav'n on high! Jesus we hasten to adore, Grant us Thy blessing ever more; How great our joy, Glory to God in heav'n on high!

Adult. Youth. Junior and Primary Choirs

"The Wise May Bring Their Learning"

Lynn

The wise may bring their learning, The rich may bring their wealth, And some may bring their greatness and some bring strength and health; They too, would bring their treasures To offer to the King, They have no wealth or learning, What shall the children bring?

We'll bring Him hearts that love Him, We'll bring Him thankful praise; And young souls meekly striving To walk in holy ways: And these shall be the treasures We offer to the King, And these are gifts that even The poorest child may bring. We'll bring the little duties we'll have to do each day; We'll try our best to please Him, At home, at school, at play: And better are these treasures to offer to the King, Than richest gifts without them; Yet these a child may bring.

Hymn 106

"Silent Night"

Gruber

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Glorificamus"

Redford

OPEN HOUSE

The congregation is invited to the annual Christmas party in the Pastor's Aides room immediately following the service. All children, first through sixth grades, will be served and then go to the Lillie Duke classroom to eat and see a Christmas movie.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given in memory of the Reverend and Mrs. Michael Bradshaw by the members of their family.

OUR SPECIAL CAMP OFFERING

The plate offering at our services today will go as a special contribution to the camping program in North Carolina Conference. Church camping has become an important phase of our church program and the Christmas offering will be used to expand our facilities.