

9:00 pm Worship
December 24, 2023 – Christmas Eve

MUSIC FOR ENTERING “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Pete Lewis, saxophone; Clare Church, drums; Victor Mestas, piano;
Jason Malmberg, bass

THE CALL

Mike Mather and Lynnette Li

SPECIAL MUSIC “Christmastime is Here” by Vince Guaraldi

CAROL #219 “What Child Is This” (verse 1-3)

SPECIAL MUSIC “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

SPECIAL MUSIC “A Child is Born” by Thad Jones

CONGREGATIONAL SONG RESPONSE

#230 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (verse 1)

*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.*

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:8-14

CONGREGATIONAL SONG RESPONSE

#240 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” (verse 1)

*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 angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king.”*

HOMILY *Why Me? Why Us?* – Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC “Who Comes in the Night?”

SPECIAL MUSIC “So This is Christmas”

LIGHTING OF ALL CANDLES

CAROL #239 “Silent Night, Holy Night” (verses 1, 2, and 3)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Joy to the World”

THANK YOU to Tonight’s Musicians!

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Clare Church, drums

Victor Mestas, piano

Jason Malmberg, bass

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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