

*A Thrill of Hope – Christmas Cantata*  
*CHRISTMAS EVE*  
*December 24, 2018*  
*6:00pm and 8:00pm*



*Fear Not, the Light of Christ is WITH US!*

**AS WE GATHER**

The angels brought good news of great joy to the shepherds. The Savior is born! We have heard the truth of Christ's birth so many times that we sometimes forget how astounding it is. On Christmas Eve we celebrate the source of our Christian faith—God Himself comes to us to save us by grace. And He comes not as a king or a hero. He comes as a fragile, human baby—as one of us. All other religions see God as a more distant being who shows you how you might achieve salvation, but only if you are good enough, smart enough, or do enough. Tonight, we rejoice in the Good News that God Himself comes to us as one of us. He comes not so that we can save ourselves, but to save us by grace through faith in the one named Jesus, Immanuel, the Prince of Peace.

*Choir: Here I Am To Worship*

*arr. D. Cloninger/C. Kirkland*

WELCOME and Sharing of the Peace – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

*Choir: Season of Hope*

*arr. D. Cloninger/C. Kirkland*

Call to Worship

Pastor: Joy to the world!

People: For to us a child is born,

Pastor: to us a son is given;

People: and the government shall be upon His shoulder,

Pastor: and His name shall be called

Women: Wonderful Counselor,

Men: *Mighty God,*

Children: Everlasting Father,

People: Prince of Peace.

*Choir: Sing Noel*

*arr. D. Cloninger/C. Kirkland*

Soloist : Chris Englert



## 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

*Choir: Jesus, Sweet Messiah with Away in a Manger*

*arr. C. Kirkland*

Pastor: To us a child is born,  
**People: to us a son is given;**  
 Pastor: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.  
**People: And His name shall be called**  
 Pastor: Wonderful Counselor,  
**People: Mighty God,**  
 Pastor: Everlasting Father,  
**People: Prince of Peace.**  
 Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song,  
**People: for He has done marvelous things!**

*Choir: Heartbeat of Hope*

*arr. D. Cloninger/C. Kirkland*

***Luke 2:1–20***      *The Birth of Jesus*

Reader: At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. <sup>4</sup> And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. <sup>5</sup> He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant.

**People: <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. <sup>7</sup>She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.**

Reader: <sup>8</sup>That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory

surrounded them. They were terrified, <sup>10</sup> but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. <sup>11</sup> The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! <sup>12</sup> And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”

**People:** <sup>13</sup> Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,  
<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in highest heaven,  
 and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”  
<sup>15</sup> When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

**Reader:** <sup>16</sup> They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. <sup>18</sup> All who heard the shepherds’ story were astonished, <sup>19</sup> but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

*Choir : Mighty King*

*arr. D. Cloninger/C. Kirkland*

**EPISTLE** Titus 2:11–14 *(A people zealous for good works)*

**Pastor:** <sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful

pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, <sup>13</sup> while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.

People: <sup>14</sup> He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### *Christmas Message-Pastor Christopher Fairbairn*

#### Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

**We invite you to fill out our Friendship Card** during the offering which is found on the back of the pew. Please pass your card to the center aisle and leave in pew.

*Choir: Rose of Bethlehem          arr. D. Cloninger/C. Kirkland*  
*Soloists: Barbara Hoffmeier & Cindy Kivell*

#### PRAYER

#### *DISTRIBUTION OF THE LIGHT*

[As the hymn is sung, the Pastor will light the candles of ushers, who light the candles of people sitting by the aisles, who in turn light those next to them, tipping unlit candles toward lit ones. Lights may be extinguished as the candlelight increases.]

## Silent Night, Holy Night LSB 363



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant



vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly In-fant, so ten-der and mild,  
 stream from heav-en a - far, Heav'n-ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 beams from Thy ho-ly face With the dawn of re-deem - ing grace,



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: Rejoice, for the grace of God has appeared! God has stirred up the power of joy! Christ is born!

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

[PLEASE EXTINGUISH ALL CANDLES AND PLACE THEM ON THE TABLE AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH]



*Choir : FINALE**Season of Hope**arr. D. Cloninger/C. Kirkland*

## Joy to the World LSB 387 sts. 1-2, 4



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP TOMORROW AT 10:00AM  
 ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

## WHERE WE SERVE

*Preacher/Officiant*

*Pastor Christopher Fairbairn*

*Deacon*

*Jim Frusti*

*Music Director*

*Jesse Torres-Palasiague*

*Elder*

*6:00PM*

*Bob McGuigan*

*8:00PM*

*Tom Poole*

*Reader*

*6:00PM*

*Mark Potter*

*8:00PM*

*Jeff Shapiro*

*Piano /Keyboard*

*Marty Giltinan*

*The Choir*

*Barbara Hoffmeier – Soprano*

*Cindy Kivell – Soprano*

*Linda Johnson – Soprano*

*Sue Roman – Soprano*

*Emily Fairbairn - Soprano*

*Nancy Berg – Alto*

*Anne Burgess – Alto*

*Cheryl Bailey - Alto*

*John Hasse – Tenor*

*Will Hoffmeier – Tenor*

*Jeff Shapiro – Tenor*

*Chris Englert – Bass*

*Rich Johnson – Bass*

*Soloists*

*Chris Englert*

*Barbara Hoffmeier*

*Cindy Kivell*

*Guest Musicians*

*Sita Yetasook - Violin  
 David Ormai - Violin  
 Zach Rubin - Viola  
 Andrea Yun - Cello  
 Stephanie Quinn - Trumpet*

*Greeters**6:00PM**Hoener Family**8:00PM**Kemnitz Family**Ushers**6:00PM*

*Jerry Krause  
 Paul Breuhan  
 David Howard*

*Ron Breuhan  
 Jake Fairbairn*

*8:00PM*

*Gary Cash  
 Mike Williamson  
 Craig Miller*

*Jeff Henning  
 Neale Hoener  
 Carol Miller*

*Welcome Center**6:00PM**Pat McGuigan**8:00PM**Nancy Berg*



*Join Us For Worship*  
*Christmas Day*  
*10am*



*Join Us For Worship*  
*New Years Eve*  
*6pm*