

A Christmas Caroling and Candlelighting Service

Christmas Eve 2014

Bible Fellowship Center

PRELUDE

ORGAN & PIANO

SOLO: "What Christmas Means to Me"

WELCOME

PRAYER

CAROL: "Joy to the World"

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His Love.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-8

Joe Farage

To God's people in exile in a faraway land, the prophet Isaiah announces good news:
God is bringing the exiles home!

CAROL: "What Child is this?"

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings, salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

SECOND LESSON: Jeremiah 23:5-6

John VanderMey

The prophet Jeremiah offers hope for a righteous branch, a just king who is yet to come.

THIRD LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-10

John Woodell

To a nation grown weary of war, God promises a king who will establish a reign of peace.

CAROL: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before You sing throughout this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus praise You for Your gift of love.

All Your works declare Your glory; all creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices in the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the infant. Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted, joined in wonder, love, and praise.

DUET: "The First Noel"

Joan and Joy VanderMey

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-6

Ron Mock

The prophet Isaiah announces the renewal of both the land and of God's people on the coming day of redemption.

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-14

Doug Smith

The Messiah is born in Bethlehem, as foretold by prophets of old, and humble shepherds are called to be witnesses to the miraculous fulfillment of God's promise.

CAROL: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, Echo back their joyous strains. (Chorus)

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King. (Chorus)

See with-in a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, With us sing our Savior's Birth.

Chorus: Gloria in ex-cel-sis De-o
Gloria in ex-cel-sis De-o

Offertory: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach

Buffalo Strings

MESSAGE

Pastor Cal VanderMey

CANDLELIGHTING

(As the hymn is sung, the lights are dimmed, and the pastor lights a candle. He then lights the candles of the candle lighters gathered at the altar. They in turn, light the candles of the first worshipper in each pew. The lighted candle remains upright, and the unlighted candle is tipped to be lighted.)

CAROL: “Silent 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, Shepherd 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.

BENEDICTION: May the Christ who by His incarnation gathered into one things
earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill;
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you
and remain with you always.

**POSTLUDE: Joy to the World by Handel, La Rejouissance by
Handel, Water music by Handel**