

A Christmas Caroling and Candlelighting Service  
Christmas Eve 2016  
Bible Fellowship Center

**PRELUDE**  
**ORGAN**  
**PIANO**  
**WELCOME**  
**PRAYER**

**Eve Roushey – Violin**  
**Carol Dammann**  
**Wendy Baldwin**  
**Pastor Cal VanderMey**

**CAROL:** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-8**

**Warren Hardy**

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**

**Kevin Sander**

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.

**FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-6**

**Michael Boerschig**

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

**SOLO:**

**Eve Roushey**

**FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-14**

**Bruce Shearer**

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.

**SOLO:** “O Holy Night”

**Andrea Moreau**

**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

**Choir Anthems: “How Great Our Joy” “The Winter Rose”**

**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 blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon  
you and remain with you always.

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**