



NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve December 24, 2017 3:00 p.m.

Prelude

Carol Settings for Keyboard

♦ Call to Worship

At the sign ♦ you may stand. *Bold text* is read in unison.

Jesus, Son of the Living God,

Jesus, we come to praise you!

Jesus, King of glory, sun of justice, son of Mary,

Jesus, we come to worship you!

Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Lord, Prince of Peace,

Jesus, we love you!

Jesus, Lord of peace, friend of all, source of life and holiness,

Jesus, we thank you!

Jesus, servant of the poor,

goodness without measure, unending wisdom.

Jesus, we follow you!

Jesus, good shepherd, true light, our way and our life.

Jesus, we welcome you!

Let us sing songs of praise! Let us tell the story of Jesus birth!

Come, let us worship the newborn King!

♦ Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High” [113]

Hymns may be found in the red pew hymnal *Glory to God* under the numbers given.

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,

and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains,

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;

come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Words of Welcome

Hymn “While We Are Waiting, Come” [92]

While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

With power and glory, come;
with power and glory, come.
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

Come, Savior, quickly, come;
come, Savior, quickly, come.
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

The Story of Jesus’ Birth

The Angel Gabriel and the Trip to Bethlehem. Luke 1:26–35, 2:1–8

Hymn “Away in a Manger” [114]
Verses 1 and 3

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

The Shepherds Go to See the Baby Jesus. Luke 2:8–20

Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” [133]

Verses 1, 3, and 4

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given,
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

The Magi. Matthew 2:1–12

Offertory

Hymn

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” [151]

Verses 1 and 5

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice!
Alleluia, alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain*

Christmas Prayer

...Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Come to the Manger

♦ Hymn

“Joy to the World” [134]

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.

Lighting of the Lights

♦ Benediction

♦ Hymn

“Silent Night, Holy Night!” [122]

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.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia, 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.

Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born.