



**CHRISTMAS EVE WITH CENTENNIAL UMC AT IVY
DECEMBER 24, 2020**

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

Special Music: O Little Town of Bethlehem

By: Allison Lehn & Jonathan Freil

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS WORDS OF HOPE

OPENING HYMN #234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

v 1-3 & 6

*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.*

*True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;
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;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.*

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

RESPONSIVE READING

Come away, come away, come today to Bethlehem.

**COME ADORE ON BENDED KNEE,
ONE WHOSE BIRTH THE ANGELS SING.**

*Come away, come away, from the noisy celebration,
to a place of quietness and peace.*

**COME WITH WONDER, COME WITH AWE.
TAKE YOUR PLACE AMONG SHEEP AND
CATTLE.**

Come away, come away, come today to Bethlehem.

**PRAISE GOD, FOR THE TIME OF PROMISE IS
HERE! SING THE GOOD NEWS OF
EMMANUEL: GOD-WITH-US! THE CHRIST
HAS COME!**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Do You Hear What I Hear

By: Evan Fischer

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*One: We light each candle of the Advent wreath on
this night. The candles represent...*

***All: Dear God, soon the light will shine in the
darkness. Soon the baby will be born and You
will once again break into our lives. While we
expect Your presence, You enter our world
anew, challenge our expectations, and call us
to see life differently. Help us proclaim and
celebrate Your birth even when Your
presence causes us to expand the boundaries
of who we deem worthy of Your grace. Amen.***

HYMN #2090 “Light the Advent Candle

*Light the Advent candle, one: Now the waiting has begun;
We have started on our way, Time to think of Christmas day.
Candle, candle, burning bright, Shining in the cold winter
night;
Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas
light.*

*Light the Advent candle, two: Think of humble shepherds,
who
Filled with wonder at the sight of the child of Christmas night.
Candle, candle, burning bright, Shining in the cold winter
night;
Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas
light.*

*Light the Advent candle, three: Think of heavenly harmony;
Angels singing “Peace on earth “At the blessed Savior’s birth.
Candle, candle, burning bright, Shining in the cold winter
night;
Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas
light.*

*Light the Advent candle, four: Think of joy forevermore;
Christ Child in a stable born, gift of love that Christmas morn.
Candle, candle, burning bright, Shining in the cold winter
night;
Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas
light.*

*Light the Christmas candles, now: Sing of donkey, sheep, and
cow;
Birthday candles for the King, let the alleluias ring.
Candle, candle, burning bright, Shining in the cold winter
night;
Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas
light.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: Still, Still, Still
By: Allison Lehn

LUKE 1:26-31

HYMN #219 “What Child Is This?” v 1&3

*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
enthroned 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.*

LUKE 2:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Mary Did You Know”
By: Evan Fischer



HYMN #247 “Away in a Manger”

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

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*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.*

LUKE 2:13-14

HYMN #249 “There’s a Song in the Air” v 1&2

*There’s a song in the air! There’s a star in the sky!
There’s a mother’s deep prayer and a baby’s low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!*

*There’s a tumult of joy o’er the wonderful birth,
For the virgin’s sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!*

JOHN 1:1-14

SPECIAL MUSIC: Noel By Allison Lehn

MESSAGE: Finding Home In the Word

OFFERING

HYMN #246 “Joy to the World”

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

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their
songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills,
and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the
sounding joy, repeat, 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, far as the curse is found, far as,
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, and wonders of his love, and
wonders, wonders of his love.*

RESPONSIVE PROCLAMATION:

Christ is born!

CHRIST IS BORN!

***Because of this birth, life is full of promise for you and
for me.***

Life is full of promise for our community.

***WE CELEBRATE TODAY THE PRESENCE OF
GOD’S PEACE IN OUR MIDST.***

***The promise of a small child coming into a crowded,
hurting world and growing to be a liberator.***

***IT’S THE PROMISE OF YOU AND ME,
STRUGGLING AND STUMBLING TOGETHER,
GROWING AND CELEBRATING, REACHING
OUT TO MAKE A NEW PRESENCE IN OUR
WORLD. AMEN!***

SILENT NIGHT IN THE PARKING LOT

*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!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
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.*

*Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star lend thy light!
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!*

*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.*

BENEDICTION



MERRY CHRISTMAS!