

Northminster EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MADISON HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA



December 24, 2019 7 p.m. Christmas Eve

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

*CAROL# 168

1 On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring; on Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring: news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad, when from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

On Christmas Night all Christians Sing 3 When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place; when sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place; heaven and earth with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

4 All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night; all out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen."

*CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*CAROL# 173

1 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.

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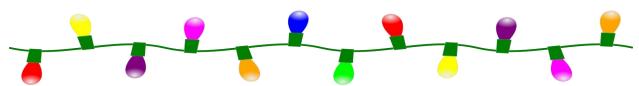
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2 True God of true God, Light from light eternal, O Come, All Ye Faithful

Lo, he shuns not the virgin's womb; Son of the Father, Begotten not created; [Refrain]

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation! sing, all ye citizens of heaven above: "Glory to God, all glory in the highest!" [Refrain]

4 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]



CELEBRATION OF THE INCARNATION

THE FIRST CANDLE

CAROL# 171

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, Hark the Herald Angels Sing offspring of the Virgin's womb: veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]

3 Hail the heaven-born
Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

THE SECOND CANDLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"O, Holy Night"

Helen Ford

THE THIRD CANDLE

CAROL# 170

1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; It Came Upon the Midnight Clear above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

3 For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.



THE FOURTH CANDLE

CAROL# 157

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ was born today.

Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this!

Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

MESSAGE John 1: 14-18

THE CHRIST CANDLE

CAROL# 164

1 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.

2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight: glories stream from heaven afar, Silent Night! Holy Night! heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"

3 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

*CAROL #146

1 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.

2 Joy to the earth, 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. Joy to the World

3 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.

4 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

