

Christmas Eve 2024 * Radiance Community Church

Prelude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Welcome and Invocation

Dr. Steven Pollard

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 96 and Luke 2

One: Let all people sing praises to the Lord.

All: Let the whole world give glory to the Lord.

One: Let heaven rejoice. Let the whole world rejoice.

All: We sing for joy. The Lord is coming.

One: The Lord is coming. Christ is coming.

All: Christ is coming. Christ is here. Hallelujah!

Carol No. 103 (vs. 1,3)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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,
O sing all ye bright hosts of heav'n 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!



Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Viele Family

The Word for All Ages

Rev. Melissa Scott

The Christmas Story

Rev. Steven Harris, Dr. Pollard, & Rev. Scott

Carol No. 107 (vs. 1, 3)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessing of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Carol No. 104 (vs. 1-2)

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Carol No. 110 (vs. 1) *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.



Carol No. 124 (vs. 1) *The First Nowell*
The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Carol No. 151 (vs. 1) *As with Gladness Men of Old*
As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.

Carol No. 102 (vs. 1,4) *Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come*
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.

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.

Communion

Prayer

Solo

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Rev. Harris

Dr. Pollard

Rev. Scott

Sharing the Light of Christ

Carol No. 91 (vs. 1, 3)

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, 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.

Dr. Pollard

Benediction

Rev. Scott

Postlude

O Holy Night

Thank you for worshipping with us tonight!

We hope you will join us again for worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. for a special Lessons and Carols service, followed by a time of fellowship and sharing our leftover Christmas treats with each other!

The offering received tonight will support the work of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries through the Offering for Global Missions. Offering plates are on the table in the foyer.