



First Christian Church

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December 24, 2021

Festival of Lessons & Carols

Order of Service

The Prelude

“Poeme’ Mystique”

“Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella”

“Carol Suite”

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

“Manger Carol”

The Service

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Maxwell Lewis Family

The Statement of Purpose

Rev. Eric Brotheridge

**Please stand*

Leader: Beloved in Christ, with delight we prepare ourselves

**ALL: to hear again the message of the angels,
and go in heart and mind to Bethlehem
to see Mary and Joseph with Jesus in a manger.**

Leader: Let us listen to the story of God’s loving purpose

**ALL: which traces God’s saving acts
from the beginning of creation
to the liberation of God’s people from bondage
down to the glorious redemption
brought to all by this Holy Child.**

Leader: And let us make these hallowed walls reverberate

ALL: with the glad tidings of great joy which is to all the people!

***Opening Hymn**

“Joy to the World!” vs. 1 & 4

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The Bidding Prayer

Rev. Eric Brotheridge

Lord’s Prayer

Doxology

The Nine Lessons & Carols

First Lesson:	Genesis 2:1-4 “Holly and the Ivy” Atalie Klumpp - Clarinet	Rev. Eric Brotheridge
Second Lesson:	Exodus 15:20-21 “Angels We Have Heard on High” Jim Kirkman - Trumpet	Elder Ashlyn Reynolds
Third Lesson:	Isaiah 11:1-6 “Still, Still, Still” Ginny Jones – Violin	Elder Jackie Robbins
Fourth Lesson:	Micah 6:8 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” v. 1 & 4	Elder Jack Maxwell #119
Fifth Lesson:	Luke 1:26-35, 38 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” v. 1	Elder Gary Ochs #144
Sixth Lesson:	Matthew 1:18-21 “What Child Is This” Drew Bailey - Oboe	Elder Leona Russell
Seventh Lesson:	Luke 2:8-20 “Mary, Did You Know?” Ginny Jones- Violin	Elder Christie Maxwell
Eighth Lesson:	Mark 8:31-37 “I Wonder as I Wander” v. 1, 2 & 3	Elder Susan Maxwell Lewis #161
Ninth Lesson:	John 1:1-5 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” All verses	Elder Mitzi Flynn #148

The Holy Meal

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The Call
The Prayer

“O Holy Night”
Kaitlin Daily & Don Mains, Jr.

The Remembrance
The Participation

(All persons, believers and doubters, who seek to follow the Way of Love in Christ are welcome at the Table.)

The Thanksgiving

The Sending of the Light

*Receive the Light of Christ as it is passed to you by lighting your candle.
Give the Light of Christ by holding your candle to another person.*

“Silent Night, Holy 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, shepherds 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.

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.

The Benediction

The Postlude

"Joy to the World" - Anna Laura Page