

Christmas Eve

Candlelight & Communion Service

5 pm | December 24, 2018



Buechel Park Baptist Church

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*We are an inclusive community of faith
rooted in the love of Jesus Christ
growing, serving, and transforming lives.*

Welcome and Invocation

Erica Whitaker

Prelude

O Holy Night
Robert J. Hughes

Shelley Shumate

Call to Worship

John 1:1-5

Wendell Todd

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

***Hymn**

O Come All Ye Faithful

Number 103 V. 1, 3, 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.*

*Please stand, if you are able.

*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.*

Lighting of the Candle

Night of Silence

Tom White

David Haas

Candlelighters: The Rohleder family

Children's Moment

Sara Turpin

Congregational Carols (please remain seated)

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Number 126 V. 1, 2, 4

*Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*

*Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God on earth is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*

*Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Number 127 V. 1, 3

*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son 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
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

* Please stand, if you are able.

*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.*

*For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever circling years comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.*

Pastoral Prayer

Sara Turpin

Christmas Meditation

Sweet Little Jesus Boy
Robert MacGimsey

David Lindsay

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:1-15

Sasha Hawks

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Meditation

Being the Light of God

Erica Whitaker

Communion

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
Albin Whitworth

Shelley Shumate

Communion tonight will be by intinction. You will be invited to come to the front of the sanctuary. Receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and then partake. All are welcome.

***Carol of Celebration**

Silent Night

Number 134

*Silent night, Holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child!
Holy infant, tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, Holy night
Shepherds quake, at the sight.
Glory streams 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.*

***Benediction**

Erica Whitaker