

## The Worship of God

December 24, 2019 · 5:00 pm · Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service

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Prelude

Welcome Jennifer Rygg

++ Carol No. 126 **Angels, from the Realms of Glory** REG

Lighting of the Advent Candles Daniel Family

We light all of the candles on the Advent wreath, and the Christ candle, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, remembering that the glory of God was hidden in the holy Child who slept in the manger in Bethlehem.

The glory of God filled the skies that night, glory we will one day share in our Savior's presence.

**"Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!"**

Scripture Reading **Luke 1:26-38, 46-49** Jennifer Rygg

Solo **Mary, Did You Know?** Lowry & Greene  
Joseph Reed

Scripture Reading **Luke 2:1-7** Keleigh Frazier

++ Carol No. 110 **Away in a Manger** MUELLER

*During the carol, children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for a story.*

Children's Story **"Glory in a Manger"** Jennifer Rygg

++ Carol No. 125 **Angels, We Have Heard on High** GLORIA

Scripture Reading

**Luke 2:8-20**

Chris Cottingham

Reflection

**"Reflecting on Glory"**

Jennifer Rygg

Solo

**When the River Meets the Sea**  
Chris Cottingham

Williams

*When the mountain touches the valley*

*All the clouds are taught to fly*

*So our souls will leave this land most peacefully*

*Though our minds be filled with questions*

*In our hearts we'll understand*

*When the river meets the sea*

*Like a flower that has blossomed*

*In the dry & barren sand*

*We are born & born again most gracefully*

*Thus the winds of time will take us*

*With a sure and steady hand*

*When the river meets the sea*

*Patience, my daughters and patience, my sons*

*In that sweet and final hour*

*Truth and justice will be done*

*Like a baby when it is sleeping*

*In its loving mother's arms*

*What a newborn baby dreams is a mystery*

*But his life will find a purpose*

*And in time he'll understand*

*When the river meets the sea*

*When the river meets the almighty sea!!*

Communion

*You may come forward to receive communion at the altar  
or raise your hand to indicate you would like to be served at your seat.*

Meditation

*Gather in a circle around the sanctuary and pass the light from the Christ candle  
to light the handheld candles.*

++ Carol No. 134

**Silent Night, Holy Night**

STILLE NACHT

*(words on reverse)*

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.

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

Chris Cottingham

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++ Congregation is invited to stand. Those who prefer may remain seated.  
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**Welcome, Guests!** Thank you for worshiping with us tonight! Please pick up a welcome bag (brown paper bag) from any of the entrances to the sanctuary. We would love to have you worship with us again. Our weekly worship service is at 10:45 am on Sundays.

**Parents/Caregivers of Children:** THANK YOU for making the special effort to bring your children to church on such a special night. Christmas Eve is such an exciting time for children, which can also make it a challenging time for parents to try to keep children calm. Just as Jesus welcomed children, we too desire to welcome all children. **Activities for children** are available on the worship cart (at the front of the sanctuary on the side opposite the Christmas tree) and worship bags (on the hooks in front of the first pew on both sides of the sanctuary). If you would like a separate space to nurse or sit with young children during the service, the church library (located behind the sanctuary in room 209) has a rocking chair and a table and chairs. The service can be heard through the hallway speakers.

**every member a minister**  
**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Jennifer McClung Rygg · Pastor  
Rev. Chris Cottingham · Minister of Music and Youth  
Rev. Cara Morgan · Volunteer Minister to Young Adults  
Marlena Dixon · Building Manager  
Keleigh Frazier · Director of Children's Ministry  
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**The glory of the Lord shone around them.**

Luke 2:9

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