



Oh Holy Night



Christmas Eve | words for the beginning

Love knows your name Luke 2:1-20 | Isaiah 9:6

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SANCTUARY

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2024. 8:00PM

*Please rise in body and/or spirit as is your preference where you see an asterisk.

PRELUDE

“O Holy Night”

Darius McBride, Tenor

Tom Kolar, Organ

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

A: In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again? Where do we start?

B: Let us begin with hope. Let us begin with peace. Let us begin with joy. Let us begin with love.

A: Yes, let us begin with love, for surely love knows your name.

B: Today, in addition to the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, we light the Christ Candle. For surely God is in this place. Surely the Spirit is near. Surely love knows our name.

A: May we rest in that good news. Unto us a child is born. Glory to God in the highest heaven! Amen.
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tiffany Komasaara

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from *Luke 2:1-14*)

Ella Louise Conner

There is good news of great joy for all, for the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

God has greatly multiplied our joy, let us rejoice as those at a bountiful harvest.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;

And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

OPENING HYMN 133

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Tiffany Komasaara

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Christ, when the shepherds heard that you were born, they dropped their things and ran. They trusted the angels’ invitation. They believed that your love existed for them. We wish that we were more like that. Instead, somewhere between the angels’ song and the manger, we tend to lose our way. We doubt ourselves. We doubt the invitation. We doubt that love could know our names. Remind us that your love is personal and specific. Remind us that the good news of this day is for us. With hope we sing, we pray, and we run. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

La paz del señor! Y también contigo! The peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

*HYMN OF GLORY 113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

FIRST SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

Ella Louise Conner

9:2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned.

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

SONG

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”

Bill Gamble

SECOND READING *Luke 2:1-20*

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2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.
2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

3 And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 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.

5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

7 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.



ABOLITION BABY

by Nicolette Peñaranda

Inspired by Luke 2:1-20, Isaiah 9:6

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Kneeling at the Manger”

MESSAGE

“Love knows Your Name”

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that on a night like this one, a baby was born and placed in a manger.

We believe that baby was God’s love in the flesh, who grew up to love the outcast and change the world.

We believe that Jesus’ love was so big and so personal that the world will never be the same.

So, despite the mystery of this holy night,

we believe that a star shone,

that the shepherds ran,

that the angels sang, and that love was born.

Yes, we believe it when the prophets say that unto you, unto us, a savior is born.

Glory to God in the highest heaven!

We believe.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING (*Luke 2:8-14*)

Ella Louise Conner

OFFERTORY

“Gloria”

Chancel Choir
Darius McBride, Director

*HYMN 143

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Love, how can we ever thank you or begin to repay you for the gift of your son? For the gift of the Christ who is the truth, the way and the light of our lives? Take us and what we have offered here, although imperfectly given, and incarnate all of it with your purpose for redeeming all creation. We humbly pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever; amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*HYMN 122

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

*BLESSINGS AND BENEDICTIONS:

MERRY CHRISTMAS

POSTLUDE

"In Dulci Jubilo"

Tom Kolar

By Marcel Dupre

Liturgy from "Words for the Beginning" by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Pastor Tiffany will be away December 26 - January 2, returning January 3, 2025.

TO THOSE HELPING WITH TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader: Ella Louise Conner Usher Captain: Bill Bell Elder of the Month: Tim Harvey
Worship Service Attendance for December 15, 2024 – 59

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