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ADVENT 3, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

Service Colour: Blue

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Choir will enter before service begins.

Placing of the Bible by the Beadle (*all who are able are invited to stand*)

Placing of the Christ Candle

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

1. Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels:

Refrain: Oh come, let us adore him, oh come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above: "Glory to God in the highest!" *Refrain*

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. *Refrain*

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace (**in unison**):

O God, who sent your singing angels through the midnight of the sleeping world to tell the shepherds that Christ was born in Bethlehem, refresh and nourish our hearts, minds, and wills with the joy and meaning of this birth. Grant that the Spirit of the Christ Child may brood over us and move among us so that the Christmas joy may make us different persons making different homes, different communities and different nations. Bless us as we sing with the angels, behold in wonder with the shepherds and bow down in worship with the Wise Men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Grace

M. The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C. And also with you. *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294) will be sung.

The Passing of the Peace

Presentation of White Gifts

Prayer for Understanding

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: Joy

Mild, he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
 Born to raise the lost of earth, born to give us second birth.
 Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.

Anthem: Silent Night, Holy Night *arr. Joel Rainey*

The Benediction, Sevenfold Amen and Postlude

Fellowship & Birthday Cake in Hall

Greeting Elder: Ian Murray

Beadle: Alex Bruce

Candlebearer: Catherine Farina

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Flautist: Jocelyn Wiggin

Readers: Janet Holden, Ross Barkhouse

Advent Candle: Hilda & Richard Visser

Girls' Choir: Livia Barkhouse, Sophie Farina, Caley Hiscock, Jessica Murray,

Zoe Leck

Usher: Jim Kennedy

Elevator Guide: Gordon Ross

Audio: Eldon Weeks

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Duet: Helen Martin & P.A. McDonald

The Ladies' Guild is grateful to all who helped with the November 4 Tea & Sale; \$2,067 was raised in this event.

December 24: 8 & 10:30 am; 5-5:45 pm & 7 pm Carols by Candlelight

December 31: 8 & 10:30 am Focus on Epiphany. Class for younger children

Presbyterians Sharing: \$3,800 is needed to reach our 2017 accepted allocation! Pamphlets about this ministry in pew racks.

Christmas Project: \$2,251 was given to FEED Nova Scotia last week; thank you for your participation!

The flowers in the Chancel were placed in loving memory of:

(a) former choir members by the choir

(b) Sandy Cantley by his wife, Barbara

(c) William Sutherland by his wife, Mary

(d) Charles Beairsto by his wife, Carrie & family

(e) Wilson Stuart by his wife, Margaret

(f) Elizabeth MacLellan & Bernie Fallows by Norma Fallows

The Youth Group decorated the sanctuary.

"Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth."

Carol: *Away in a Manger* (**seated**)

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Children's Time and Prayer (Intermediate & Senior classes stay in service)

Lesson: Zechariah 2: 10-13

Carol: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: To all the earth good will and peace, from heaven's all gracious King; the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. For lo the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth God's promised splendours fling, and all the world take up the song, which now the angels sing.

Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2b-3a; 6-7

Anthem: In the Bleak Midwinter *arr. Catherine Bennett*

Lesson: Micah 5: 2-5a

Piano & Organ Duet: He Shall Feed His Flock *G.F. Handel*

Lesson: Luke 2: 1-7

Anthems: Whence is that Goodly Fragrance? *arr. C.H. Kitson*
Hallelujah to the King *words & music Patsy F. Simms*

Lesson: Luke 2: 8-20

Anthems: I Saw Three Ships *arr. David Willcocks*
Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow *arr. Robert Leaf*

Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-11

Anthems: Would You Bring a Song? *words & music Robert Lau*
The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon *arr. Michael Clawson*

Carol: *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

1. 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.

2. Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light.
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ, the newborn King.
3. Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar; seek the great desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ, the newborn King.
4. 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.
5. Though an infant now we view him, he shall fill his Father's throne, gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down.
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ, the newborn King.

Lesson: John 1: 1-14, 16-18

Anthem: Sing Joy to the World *words & music Jay Althouse*

The Offertory; The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others (beginning with):

M. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

M. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Carol: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

1. Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King, Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled. Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail the incarnate deity! Pleased on earth with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.