



John August Swanson

# Christmas Eve

## A Night Like No Other

December 24, 2020  
Lake Shore Baptist Church

### Welcome

Bill Bellinger

*We invite you to sing with the congregation, but please remain muted.  
The chat will still be available to you.*

*If you have candles to light as we sing "Silent Night" at the end of the service,  
make sure you have them nearby. As soon as the Christ candle is lit,  
light your own small candle.*

### Congregational Invocation

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"  
VENI EMMANUEL  
arr. Heather Sorenson

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

### Lighting of the Advent Candles

Carlos, Emily, Oscar, and Elias Hinojosa

One: We light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Many: **Advent means coming. We are preparing for the full coming of God's kingdom:**

One: the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

Many: **nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**

One: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
**Many: the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.**  
 One: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
**Many: like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.**  
 One: The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son,  
**Many: and shall name him Emmanuel, "God is with us."**  
 One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
**Many: those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.**

### Congregational Response

"When God Is a Child"  
 MOON BEAMS

Hope is a star that shines in the night, lead - ing us on till the  
 Peace is a ribbon that cir - cles the earth, giv - ing a pro - mise of  
 Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn, tell - ing the world that the  
 Love is a flame that burns in our heart. Je - sus has come and will  
 morn - ing is bright.  
 safe - ty and worth. When God is a child there's joy in our song. The  
 Sav - ior is born. ne - ver de - part.  
 last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

### Hope for the Time of the Lord

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
 David Davis

### Prayer of Longing and Waiting

Grant Dooley

### Prophecy of the One of Peace

Micah 5:2-5a  
 Brittany Ramirez

### Silence to Reflect God's Everlasting Peace

Grant Dooley

### Meditation

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
 Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.  
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
 O Come to us, abide with us, our God, Emmanuel.  
 - Phillips Brooks*

### Gift of Music

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
 Steve Gardner

### God's Promise

Isaiah 9:2-7  
 Nathan Stone

### Congregational Carol

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
 ADESTE FIDELES  
 arr. Lloyd Larson

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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
 Glory to God, all glory in the highest.

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

### Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7  
 Sakina Dixon

### Gift of Music

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
 MENDELSSOHN  
 arr. Lloyd Larson

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born 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!"

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,  
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!"

## Shepherds Worship Jesus

Luke 2:8-20

Erika and Louisa Houser

## Christmas Prayer

Sharlande Sledge

*Bright star-maker God, travel with us...  
shine into our dark corners lead us into ways of justice  
warm us with joy and wonder bring us to new birth.  
- Ruth Burgess*

## Word of Incarnation

John 1:1-14

Richard Groves

## Lighting the Christ Candle

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## Congregational Carol

"Silent Night"

STILLE NACHT

arr. Mark Hayes

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.

## Postlude

"The Sounds of Christmas"

arr. Robert Hughes

Cindy Fuller

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