

# CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

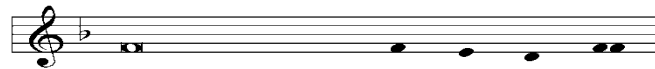
## DECEMBER 13, 2015

### Preservice Music

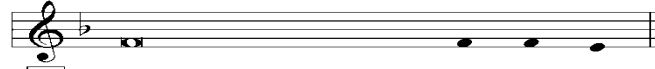
Kai Pearce, violin      “*Bourrée*” from Suite No. 3      by J. S. Bach  
Katriana Pearce, piano      “*Mariä Wiegenlied*” (The Virgin’s Slumber Song)      by Max Reger  
Kimberly and Katherine Beckerman, flute duet      “Silent Night”  
Student band

“**Advent Meditation**” (Handbells)      by Douglas E. Wagner

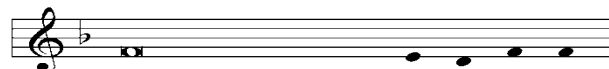
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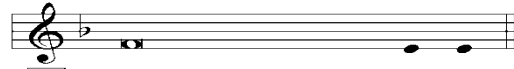
**M**      Jesus Christ is the      light      of      the world,



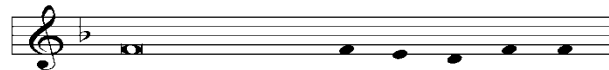
**C**      the light no darkness can      o - ver - come.



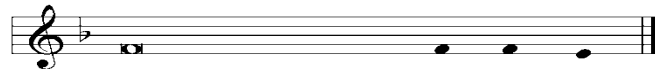
**M**      Stay with us, Lord, for it      is eve-ning,



**C**      and the day is almost      o - ver.



**M**      Be our light and scat-ter      the dark-ness,



**C**      and hear our evening hymn      of praise.

**Procession** (Choirs and Handbells): “Creator of the Stars of Night” (traditional)

Creator of the stars of night, your people’s everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,  
You came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came, but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, Virgin Mother mild.

At your great name of Jesus now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow.  
All things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray; redeem us for eternal day.  
Defend us while we live below from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen

**Call to Worship** (Senior Choir and Children): “*Gaudete*” by Michael Burkhardt

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Refrain: *Gaudete! Gaudete! Christus est natus ex Maria virgine: Gaudete!*  
(Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary: Rejoice!)

Now the time has come at last, bringing joy and gladness:  
Time foretold by sages past, healing earth’s deep sadness. (Refrain)

Nature marvels at the sight, earth looks on in wonder,  
For the Lord of love and light rends the heavens asunder. (Refrain)

Christ is born, Emmanuel, hope of every nation!  
Therefore let us sing noel with the whole creation. (Refrain)

*Christmas Canticles*

**Introduction** (Senior Choir): “Where do Christmas Songs Begin?”

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Where do Christmas songs begin?  
By the stable of an inn where the song of hosts on high mingled with a baby’s cry.  
There, for joy and wonder, smiled man and maid and holy child.  
Christmas songs begin with them: sing the songs of Bethlehem!

Who is this, whose human birth here proclaims him child of earth?  
He it is who formed the skies, saw the new-made stars arise.  
Life immortal, light divine, blinking in the candle-shine,  
Born our darkness to dispel: God with us, Emmanuel!

Only love can answer why he should come to grieve and die,  
Share on earth our pain and loss, bear for us the bitter cross.  
Love is come to seek and save, life to master death and grave.  
So in Christ is all restored: risen and redeeming Lord!

Praise we then in Christmas songs him to whom all praise belongs.  
Hear the angel host reply, Glory be to God on high,  
Joy and peace to mortals given: peace on earth and peace with heaven.  
Join we now, as one with them. Sing the songs of Bethlehem!

### ***Magnificat: Luke 1:39-56***

<sup>39</sup> And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;<sup>40</sup> And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.<sup>41</sup> And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: <sup>42</sup> And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. <sup>43</sup> And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, <sup>47</sup> And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. <sup>48</sup> For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. <sup>49</sup> For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. <sup>52</sup> He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. <sup>53</sup> He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. <sup>54</sup> He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; <sup>55</sup> As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

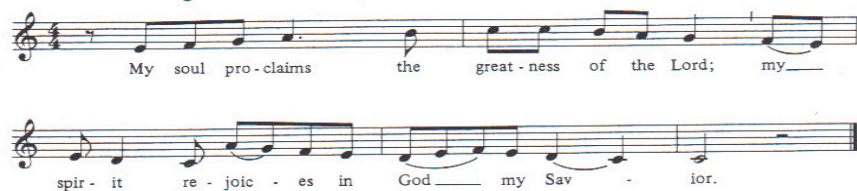
<sup>56</sup> And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

“A Parish Magnificat” (Mark Castellese and Congregation)

by Carl Schalk

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**Refrain** (Sung once by Cantor or Choir, then repeated by the congregation  
and sung after each verse)



For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed.  
The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. **(Refrain)**

He has shown the strength of his arm: he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. **(Refrain)**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. **(Refrain)**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **(Refrain)**

**“Magnificat”** (School children and oboe)            by Ruth Elaine Schram  
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My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.  
Mighty and holy, he has exalted the lowly, filled the hungry, and scattered the proud.  
He has remembered his servant.  
My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

***Benedictus: Luke 1:57-80***

<sup>57</sup> Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. <sup>58</sup> And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup> And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. <sup>60</sup> And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. <sup>61</sup> And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. <sup>62</sup> And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. <sup>63</sup> And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all. <sup>64</sup> And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. <sup>65</sup> And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea. <sup>66</sup> And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him. <sup>67</sup> And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup> Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, <sup>69</sup> And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; <sup>70</sup> As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: <sup>71</sup> That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; <sup>72</sup> To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; <sup>73</sup> The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, <sup>74</sup> That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup> In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. <sup>76</sup> And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; <sup>77</sup> To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, <sup>78</sup> Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, <sup>79</sup> To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

<sup>80</sup> And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

**“Blessed Be the Lord”** (Lois Bude, soloist, with handbells):            setting by Donald Rotermond  
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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old  
That he would save us from our enemies, from the hand of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham to set us free from the hand of our enemies, Free to  
worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death  
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.  
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and redeemed them.

### ***Gloria in excelsis: Luke 2:8-20***

<sup>8</sup> And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

<sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. <sup>16</sup> And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

### **Congregation hymn, with wind band “Angels We Have Heard on High” (Hymn #63)**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains. *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

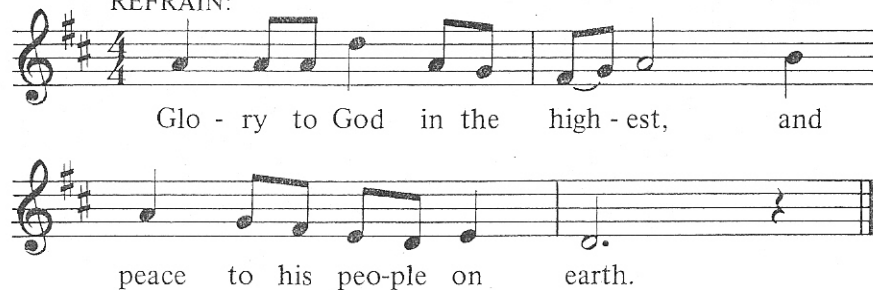
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song. *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

## MELODIC GLORIA

James J. Chepponis

REFRAIN:



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*Please join the choirs for the refrain, as printed above.*

**Choir:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**All:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Choir:** We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**All:** Refrain

**Choir:** Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father. Receive our prayer.

**All:** Refrain

**Choir:** For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

**All:** Refrain

**All:** Repeat refrain

**Glory!** (School children) by Mary Dorn Lippert (permission to copy)

Jesus Christ is born tonight, angels are a-singing!

Shepherds heard and shook with fright, to each other clinging.

(Refrain): Glory in the highest. Glory be to God!

Do not be afraid of me, angels are a-singing.

Go to David's town and see Christ, the newborn Kingling! (Refrain)

This is where God's son does lay, angels are a-singing,

Wrapped in cloth on manger hay, with the cattle mingling. (Refrain)

Shepherds, hurry there to find, angels are a-singing.

Christ, the Savior of mankind, heavens peace is bringing! (Refrain)

## *Verbum Caro Factum Est*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life; and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. <sup>8</sup>He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. <sup>9</sup>That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. <sup>11</sup>He came unto his own, and his own received him not. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: <sup>13</sup>Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

### School Children & Oboe:

## Light of the World

Based on John 1, Antiphon for Evening Prayer  
Adapt. by GPC

Gerald Patrick Coleman

### Introduction

Choir: 1. In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.  
And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen His glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (*Antiphon*)

2. What came to being in Him was life and the life was the light of all,  
shining in darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.  
And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen His glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (*Antiphon*)

3. This is the true light shining on all coming into the world.  
And from His fullness we have all received grace upon grace.  
And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen His glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (*Antiphon*)

### Antiphon

*Sung twice: first by choir,  
congregation joining second time*



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**“The Glory of the Father” (Senior Choir)**

by Egil Hovland

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The Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us.  
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.  
In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.  
He came to his own, and his own received him not.

The Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us.  
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Congregation hymn: “Savior of the Nations, Come” (Hymn #2)**

Savior of the nations, come: Virgin’s Son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, by the Spirit of our God  
Was the Word of God made flesh: woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the virgin undefiled,  
Though by all the world disowned, yet to be in heav’n enthroned!

From the Father’s throne he came and ascended to the same.  
Captive leading death and hell—high the song of triumph swell!

Praise to God the Father sing. Praise to God the Son, our King.  
Praise to God the Spirit be ever and eternally.

**“Night of the Father’s Love” (Chamber Choir)**

by Pepper Choplin

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Of the Father’s love begotten ‘ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega: He, the source, the ending, He.  
Of the things that are, that have been and the future years shall see, evermore and evermore.  
Sleep in heavenly peace evermore and evermore.

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 evermore and evermore.

**Offering (Handbell Choir): “Manger Reflections”**

by Sandra Eithun

**During the singing of “Silent Night,” the ushers will light the candles you have been given. They will give the flame to the person on each end of each pew. Please pass the flame to the person next to you. The sanctuary lights will be dimmed during this time. Please hold the lighted candle during the singing of “Silent Night”. Extinguish the candle before you leave the pew.**



## Congregational Closing Hymn – “Silent Night” (Hymn #60)

**The school children will sing the first verse of “Silent Night” in German.**

**The congregation will then sing all three verses in English.**

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...

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar.

Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia. 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...

**Officiants:** Pastors Paul Schaefer (St. Peter's) and Thomas Schroeder (Good Shepherd, Novi)

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Jan Jacobi, Accompanist

Michele Diener, Laura Schroeder, and Kim Pappenfuss, School Music Leaders

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Scott Beckerman	Chris Abbott	Yvonne Alaniva, oboe
Lois Bude*	Yvonne Alaniva	Katherine Beckerman, flute
Mark Castellese*	Leah Brooke	Kimberly Beckerman, flute
James Cutler	Sue Brooke	John Lovell, trumpet
Michele Diener	Lois Bude	Keith Miller, euphonium
Joan Kalish*	Joan Kalish	Richard Miller, trombone
Tom Kalish	Kim Pappenfuss	Katriana Pearce, piano
Rebecca Lohrmann	Rebecca Lohrmann	Kai Pearce, violin, drums
Carole Miller	Kai Pearce	Philip Schroeder, trumpet
Richard Miller*	Katriana Pearce	Nancy Winkler, clarinet
Kim Pappenfuss	Nancy Winkler	
Carol Schwartz		Thanks to Keith Miller
Julie Webber		from St. Paul's, Livonia;
Nancy Winkler		and Rich and Carole Miller
*Soloists		from Zion, Toledo, for
		joining us this evening.

Thank you for attending our Candlelight Service. Thanks also to Jim Cutler for recording tonight's service and to the St. Peter's School staff and students for their music. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments, in the church basement, after the service. Thanks to Sue Brooke and Chris Abbott for organizing the reception.