

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

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MESSAGE "Christmas: A Song for the Ages" *Pastor Leanne*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS "A Christmas Alleluia" *Music Team*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: ...in communion with all the saints, with angels and shepherds, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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**Christmas Eve: A Song for the Ages
Carols, Candles & Communion
First Presbyterian Church of Willmar, MN
December 24, 2018 at 5:00pm**



PRELUDE "O Holy Night" *Jill Boeyink*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Do not be afraid; for see –

I am bringing you good news of great joy.

**All: To us is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.**

One: This will be a sign for you:
you will find the child wrapped in cloth
and lying in a manger.

**All: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace!**

One: Let us go now to Bethlehem.

***HYMN #41 (PH)** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (verses 1 & 3)

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!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

HYMN #31 (PH) "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (verses 1 & 3)

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!

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!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

One: In Jesus Christ our Lord the grace of God has appeared, bringing light to us all. With confidence and joy, let us confess our sin.
All: **Great and glorious God, through Jesus Christ our Savior you have shown us that the blessed age of grace has appeared and the hoped-for time of salvation has come. Yet we cling to the glories of the present age – worldly passions and impious pursuits, self-indulgent, crooked, and ungodly ways. We choose to walk in darkness, unwilling to see the evil your light exposes. Cleanse us and free us; break the yoke we**

choose to carry through Christ, who gave himself for us, so that we might be your people, holy and whole. Amen.

One: Hear the good news of great joy; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING "Song of the Stars" *Pastor Scott*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Night of Silence with Silent Night" *Gubrud Family*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:1-7

HYMN #44 (PH) "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verses 1 & 2)

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:8-14

SPECIAL MUSIC "What a Glorious Night" *Music Team*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:15-16

HYMN #29 (PH) "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (verses 1 & 3)

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold through-out the heavens there shone a holy light.