

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
OF LESSONS AND CAROLS, WORD AND LIGHT**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

6:30 PM

Prelude: Mrs. Chrishane Wilson-McCall

Welcome

* **Opening Carol:** *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* (St. 1-2) #203

* **Invocation**

The First Lesson: *Mr. Clifton Estes* Genesis 3:1-15
The Fall of man, and the first proclamation of the Gospel.

The Second Lesson: *Mr. Mike Butler* Isaiah 7:10-14; 9:2, 6-7
The prophecy of the coming Redeemer, born of a virgin, truly God and truly Man.

Carol: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (St. 1, 3) #194

The Third Lesson: *Mr. Mark Ely* Micah 5:2-5
The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

Carol: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (St. 1-2) #201

The Fourth Lesson: *Mr. Alex Knauss* Luke 1:26-38
The angel Gabriel announces Christ's birth to Mary, the virgin.

The Fifth Lesson: *Mr. Sterling Clay* Luke 1:46-56
Mary responds to the words of the angel Gabriel in worship and humility.

Carol: *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* (St. 1-2) #195

The Sixth Lesson: *Mr. Stuart Clay* Matthew 1:18-25
Matthew the Apostle tells of Jesus' birth.

Carol: *What Child Is This* (St. 1-2) #213

The Seventh Lesson: *Rev. Daniel Clay* Luke 2:8-16
The angels announce Jesus' birth to the shepherds.

Carol: *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* (St. 1-2) #211

The Eighth Lesson: *Rev. Josh Hinson* Matthew 2:1-11
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Carol: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (St. 1-2) #208

The Ninth Lesson: *Mr. Mark Miller Jr.* John 1:1-14
John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

Carol: *Angels We Have Heard on High* (St. 1-3) #214

Meditation: Pastor Josh Hinson
"The Chief End of Christmas" (Colossians 1:15-20)

Prayer

The Coming of The Light: *Mr. Mark Miller Sr.*

Lighting of Candles

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. Genesis 1:1-4

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. Genesis 6:5-6

Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, as when at first He lightly esteemed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward more heavily oppressed her, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. Isaiah 9:1-2

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. John 1:6-9

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light. John 12:36a

I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. John 12:46

* **Carol in Candlelight**

Silent Night! Holy Night!

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, Heav'nly 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!

- * **Benediction:** Matthew 5:14-16
You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Special thanks to: our Scripture readers, Mrs. Vivian Tarratus (Pianist) and Mrs. Chrishane Wilson-McCall (Prelude Vocal).



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