

CHRISTMAS EVE • 4 PM



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Light
ADVENT 2025

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

Child-Led Service of Lessons and Carols



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Christopher A. Henry
Senior Pastor

Rev. Audrey F. Thorne
Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry

Dawn Waddell
Organist

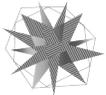
Carol Choir
Patrick Pauloski, *Director*
Danny Fisher, *Accompanist*

Cherub Choir
Carol Baker, *Director*
Tom Ristine, *Accompanist*

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We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Polish Carol
Dawn Waddell, organ

Alice Jordan
(1916-2012)

Choral Prelude on "In dulci jubilo", BuxWV 197

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Noël Huron

Denis Bédard
(b. 1950)

Gabriel's Message

Michael Bedford
(b. 1949)

Still, Still, Still

Brenda Portman
(b. 1980)

Fum! Fum! Fum!

Richard Lind
(b. 1949)

People Look East

Dale Wood
(1939-2003)

Good People All, This Christmas Time

Sondra K. Tucker
(b. 1957)

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry and Rev. Audrey F. Thorne

* Call to Worship

Samuel Henry

One: We come with a season of anticipation. Our hope is kindled. Come and sing!

All: O come let us adore Him!

One: We come hoping for peace to break forth like the dawn. Come and sing!

All: O come let us adore Him!

One: We come to practice peace, full of joy for the gift of this night. Come and sing!

All: O come let us adore Him!

One: We come to spread joy, guided by love. Come and sing!

All: O come let us adore Him!

One: We are gathered by Love, In Love, and For Love. Come and sing!

All: O come let us adore Him!

* Opening Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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 a
 dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

We Hear The Story

In the Beginning

John 1:1-5

Jack Illingworth

Prophecy

Isaiah 60:1-2

Olivia Pedersen

Hymn

People, Look East

BESANÇON

Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing of the year.
 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed there:

Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.

Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day: "Love the Guest is on the way!"
 Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day: "Love the Rose is on the way!"

Gabriel's Visit

Luke 1:26-38

Hattie Sneller

Luke 1:46-55

Olivia Pedersen
Alice Hammond

Hymn

Sing Out My Soul

MAGNIFICAT (Berthier)

Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free.

Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!

Jesus is Born

Luke 2:1-7

Maggy Lewis

Hymn

Away in a Manger

ST. LOUIS

A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 The cat - tle are low - ing, the poor Ba - by wakes,
 the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.

The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky,
 the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.

The Witness of Angels and Shepherds Luke 2:8-20

John Musser and Luka Reardon
Gabe Srour and Maggy Lewis

Choir: Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est!

All: Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - - est!

Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born king.

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o;

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

The Visit of the Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

Luka Reardon

Hymn

We Three Kings of Orient Are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a -
 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold, myrrh, and frank - in - cense we bring to
 Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God of Sac - ri -

- far, field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 Him; King for ev - er ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 - fice; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

The Coming of the Light

John 1:6-18

Gabe Srour

We Respond

Invitation to Participation

Amelia Riley

Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the moun - tain o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;
Go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!
While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth,
Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,
be - hold through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Call for Offering

John Musser

Offertory

L'isle Joyeuse, L. 106 (The Joyous Island)
Danny Fisher, piano

Claude Debussy
(1862-1918)

Prayer of Dedication and Closing Prayer

Audrey Lindsay, Ellie Stewart, & Third Graders

**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.**

Sharing the Light

Prose VanVeelen

Special Music

Night of Silence

Daniel Kantor

Carol Choir; Cherub Choir; Tom Ristine, guitar; Danny Fisher, piano

*After you receive candlelight, please light your neighbor's candle,
tipping the unlit candle to the flame.*

* Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

Lights will dim once Silent Night begins. All are invited to stand and sing.

Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright, 'round yon Vir - gin
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight, glo - ries stream from
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light ra - diant beams from
 moth - er and child! Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia;
 Thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

* Closing Hymn

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry
 Joy to the world! The Sav - ior reigns: let us our songs em - ploy; While fields and
 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries
 heart pre - pare Him room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and
 floods, rocks, hills, and plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 of His righ - teous - ness, and won - ders of His love, and
 heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 won - ders of His love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Blessing and Sending

Samuel Henry

Postlude

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

arr. Keith Chapman
(1945-1989)

Gratitude abounds for everyone who led us in worship this afternoon, up front and behind the scenes, named and unnamed. This service of worship takes a team, and our team is deep in dedication. Gratitude abounds for everyone who joined us in worshipping our God this afternoon, exuberant and filled to the brim, or exhausted and frazzled by a hectic holiday. We pray that you all heard a fresh word in the ancient story. We pray you heard the angels singing good tidings of great joy.

Please know that you are welcome here all year long. We worship every Sunday morning, and all children's programming begins again on Sunday, January 11 at 9 AM. Please visit us online at SecondChurch.org/Children for more information.

**LITURGISTS &
SCRIPTURE READERS**

Jack Illingworth
Olivia Pedersen
Hattie Sneller
Alice Hammond
Maggy Lewis
John Musser
Luka Reardon
Gabe Srour
Amelia Riley
Samuel Henry
Prose VanVeelen

USHERS

Asher Higgs
Adam Brady
Nathan Cox
Marco Elia

MARY

Alli James Bryant

JOSEPH

Walker Iler

MAGI

Barrett Browning
Audrey Lindsay
August Reardon
Jude Srour
Ellie Stewart

SHEPHERDS

Henry Iler
Ellison VanVeelen
Fitz Santer
Sam Sindors
SHEEP
Nellie Bryant
Peter Illingworth
Christopher Stewart
Ethan Riley
Neil Jarmula
Silas Higgs
Wilhelmina Prather
Ila Brady
Oliver Reardon

ANGEL GABRIEL

Naomi Pedersen

ANGELS

Grace Clayton
Katalyna Elia
Gracie Meenan
Penelope Prather
Lillian Hammond
Amelia Riley
Libby Johnson
Nora Kornmeyer
Daphne Bechtel
Sloan Musser
Elle Musser
Penelope Prather
Tucker Hutchinson
Will McCutcheon
Quinn Sundheimer
Oliver Cruz

THIRD GRADE LORD'S PRAYER MILESTONE

Grace Clayton	Maggy Lewis	Ellie Stewart
Addison Cleaver	Audrey Lindsay	Emma Strobel
Daphne Cleaver	Sloan Musser	Catie Tresize
Ben Henry	Amelia Riley	Prose VanVeelen

FIFTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT MILESTONE

Marco Elia	Charlie Strobel
Nora Kornmeyer	Mallorie Swift
John Musser	Hadley VanNahmen

