



An Order of Worship for Christmas Eve
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 December 24, 2021



We Gather to Worship the One Who Is Coming

PRELUDE *From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come* F. W. Zachau

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #41 (vv. 1 & 2) *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

The Coming of the Light

Night of Silence Daniel Kantor
To a Dark, Unlighted World Randy Cox/Don Michael Dicie

THE ADVENT CANDLES



CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 Ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!**

We Approach the Birth

Comfort and the Promise of Hope

Scripture Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
 Hymn No. 38 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (vv. 1 & 2) CAROL

Christ's Birth and Kingdom Are Foretold

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7
 Hymn No. 31 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (vv. 1 & 3) MENDELSSOHN



The Vision of the Peaceful Kingdom

Scripture Isaiah 7:13-14; 11:1-6
 Hymn No. 9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vv. 1 & 2) VENI EMMANUEL

The Angel Gabriel Appears to Mary

Scripture Luke 1:26-38
 Hymn No. 53 *What Child Is This* (vv. 1 & 2) GREENSLEEVES

Mary Visits Elizabeth

Scripture Luke 1:39-47
 Hymn No. 44 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vv. 1 & 4) ST. LOUIS

The Christmas Story (Luke and Matthew)

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

OFFERTORY *Angels We Have Heard on High* Alec Wyton

THE CANDLE LIGHTING

*Upon direction, the people proclaim: **Glory to God in the highest!***

The Lord's Prayer ("debts/debtors")

+CAROL *Silent Night* STILLE NACHT

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.





We Go Out in Joy

+CAROL

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground:
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

Hugo Gehrke



STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

December 24, 2021 ~ Christmas Eve ~ 7:00 p.m.



*The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ,
engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow
as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.*

All the People, Ministers

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