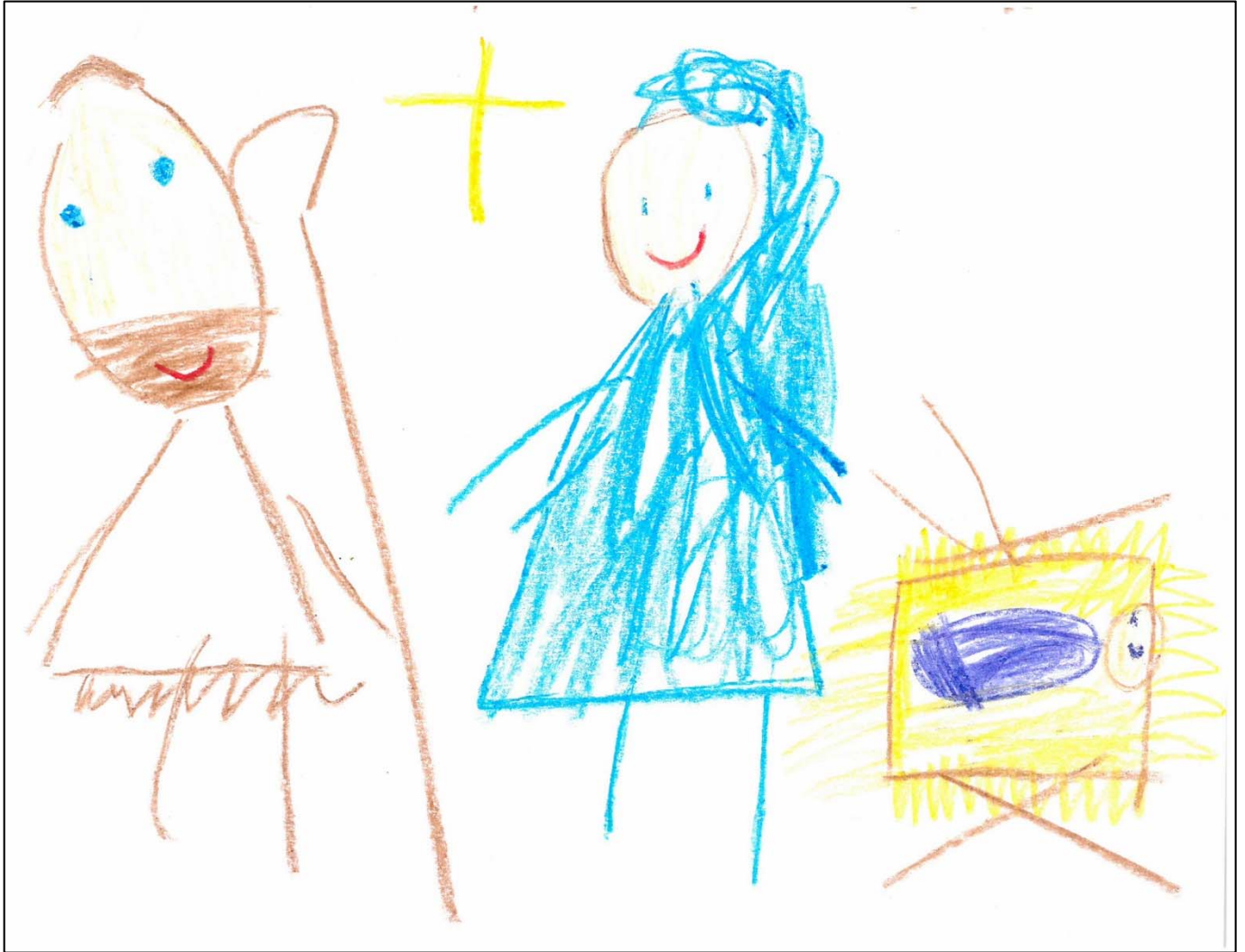


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Call to Worship

Rev. Craig Foster

One: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome

Rev. Craig Foster

Please sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship Pad.

Introit

Noel, Noel
Children's Choir

Michael Burkhardt

Carol, Hymn 155

Raise a Song of Gladness

Jacques Berthier

Please join in singing after the children sing once

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Beth and Andy Lancaster and Family, Angie Wallace

Unison Prayer

Lord, we rejoice that you have come among us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the Light of the World. Help us to remember that, if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

† Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

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!
O sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above!
Glory to God,
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!

† Congregation will stand

The Journey to Bethlehem

The Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:1-7

Sarah McMeekin

Carol

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care.
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Angels Tell of Jesus' Birth: Luke 2:8-14

Michael Irwin

Leader: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God
and saying,

People: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

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!
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Shepherds Go to See Baby Jesus: Luke 2:15-19

John Mullen

Carol

Silent 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,
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!"

Magi Bring Gifts: Matthew 2:1-11

Jasmine Atkins, Caroline Colbath

Leader: The word of the LORD

People: Thanks be to God

Offering: *After all kings come forward, the Christmas Eve Offering will be received. Loose offering will go toward our Winter Warmth Project, providing coats for local children.*

Offertory Carol

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Refrain

We Three Kings

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising we are raising,
Worshiping God Most High.

Refrain

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom.
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

Refrain:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.*

Prayer

Rev. Craig Foster

Carol

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Refrain:

*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 throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Refrain

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

Refrain

Benediction

Rev. Craig Foster

Postlude

Holy Family Patrick, Julie and Jack Martin
Angel Annie Colbath
Shepherds..... Sallie Barre, Lilly Ruth Hyde, Sarah Gordon Walsh & Sophie Clayton
Magi..... Logan Donovan, Jaden Atkins & Brady Johnson
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