



Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Napoleon, Ohio  
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017  
10:30 p.m.

**Prelude** *Mary, Mary* -Choir

**Call to Worship**

P Sing to God something brand new!

**C For God has done wonderful things!**

P God has not forgotten to love us all!

**C Even the ends of the earth have heard it!**

P Make a joyful noise!

**C Break forth in song!**

P With strings and horns,

**C Sing praise to the Holy One,**

P With the roaring sea and everything in it,

**C With all the land and everything in it!**

P The floods clap their hands.

**C The hills sing for joy.**

P Thank God! God is coming to set everything right:

**C Justice for everyone, everything fair.**

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**Opening Hymn** *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him Born the king of angels:

*Refrain:* Oh, come, let us adore him,

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Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain:*

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God In the highest: *Refrain:*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain:*

**Prayer**

**P** Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Offering** *In the First Light* -Choir

**Offertory** ♪

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

**First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7**

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing,  
And ever o'er its babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

And you, beneath live's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow:  
Look now, for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing;  
Oh, rest beside the weary road And hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold,  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And all the world give back the song Which now the angels sing.

**Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a**

*Not That Far From Bethlehem* -Julie Mt.Castle, Bonnie Palamara

**Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38**

*Mary, Did You Know?* -Ryan Kruse, Anthony Godsey, Marv Mt.Castle

**Fourth Reading: Luke 2:1-7**

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus sleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

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

**Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-16**

*Welcome to Our World* -Living Spirit

**Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-11**

*God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen* -Anthony Godsey, Julie and Marv Mt.Castle

**Seventh Reading: John 1:1-14**

*English Carol* -Bell Choir

**Holy Communion**

Christmas carols by Holly Mohring and Peggy Snyder

**Proclamation of the Birth of Christ** -Carol Castello

*Silent Night* -Anthony Godsey, guitar

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 your holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

**Birth Announcement**

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

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, 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, And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

**Closing** *Adeste Fidelis* -Bell Choir

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There will be continuous communion. We will begin with the balcony, then the center pews beginning from the back, then the side pews (again beginning from the back).  
Please form two lines in the middle aisle. Pastor will distribute the wafer, then please proceed to the right or left for the wine (or grape juice). You will be directed by the ushers.  
Everyone is invited to our Lord's table.

Pastor James Castello  
Worship & Music Coordinator - Angela Tonjes  
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning  
Acolytes - Alyssa Kruse & Emma Rowland  
Ushers - Tom & Barb Hoffman, Kelli Burkhardt, Terri Sedam

