

NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH
Christmas Eve 4pm Candlelight Service
Friday, December 24, 2021

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Dylan Sauerwald

Pastor Emeritus
Music Director

WATCHWORD: “Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.” Psalm 80:19

PRELUDE “Concerto Fatto per il Natale” *Arcangelo Corelli*
Dylan Sauerwald and Guest Performers

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather on this night to celebrate our Savior’s birth.

O come, all ye faithful!

We gather as the holy family gathered in Bethlehem.

O come, all ye faithful!

We gather as the shepherds came from the field,

O come, all ye faithful!

We gather to celebrate as faithful Christians have done for centuries.

O come, all ye faithful!

We gather here tonight, knowing, too, that people around the world are also gathering to worship the newborn King.

O come, all ye faithful! Come and worship! Come and worship!

Worship Christ, the newborn King!

HYMN

MBW #283

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.

O sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n 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.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be all glory giv’n;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

(Unison prayer after candles have been lit.)

Thank you God for coming to be with us in the form of Jesus. We rejoice that he lived as one of us, knew our joys and sorrows, our pains and hopes and dreams. As he came to show your love to us, help us to show your love to others all the year through. Amen.

A LITANY

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

For He has looked favorably upon His people and redeemed them.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high has broken upon us to give light to those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death,

To guide our feet into the way of peace.

For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given.

Come, good friends, it is time to celebrate!

It’s time to celebrate this newborn Child.

Jesus is born to change our darkness to light;

The light from the stable has become the Light of the World.

Jesus is born to change our sadness to joy;

The joy of the shepherds still echoes down the years.

Jesus is born to give hope to the lost and the oppressed;

We rejoice because nothing can withstand the loving light of Christ.

God has brought us here to witness this wonderful event!

And we rejoice that on this night of nights, we can come and worship.

As we gather on this night, we give thanks to God, for the Word in human form is given to us in the Child of Bethlehem. But sometimes we fail to fully appreciate this special gift.

Great God, we behold the gift of the Christ Child once again, yet we are also mindful of how we have failed to comprehend the fullness of that gift. The story of this day points us to Your glory, yet we struggle daily to join in the angel's song. We are distracted and confused, so focused on things that matter little, that we have overlooked the Good News of great joy. Tell us again that a Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that life can be abundant in faith and hope and love, not because of who we are, or what we've done, but because of what You have given us in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ANTHEM "The Joy of Christmas" **Van Denman Thompson**
NDMC CHOIR

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Isaiah 9:2b, 6 & 7** **Page 706**

HYMN **MBW #286**

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Titus 2:11-14** **Page 232**

THE GOSPEL LESSON **Luke 2:1-14** **Page 59**

TRIO: "In Dulci Jubilo" **Dietrich Buxtehude**
Heather Gaw, Andrew Kay & Guest Performers

HYMN

O come, little children, oh, come, one and all.
To Bethlehem now, to a manger so small.
God's Son, a great gift, has been born on this night;
He is your Redeemer, your Joy, and Delight.

Come see, near the manger, the cattle and sheep;
look down on the Christ Child, the Baby asleep.
In soft, swaddling clothes lies your Savior so small,
sent down from the Father, a gift to us all.

Join angels and shepherds with hearts full of joy,
and worship your Savior - newborn, holy Boy!
See Mary and Joseph smile on Him with love,
and worship God's Son, our great gift from above.

Children's Choir "When Christmas Comes to Town" **Alan Silvestri**
Children's Choir & NDMY Choir

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE **Pastor Emeritus Rev. Duane E. Ullrich**

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Son of God" **Michael W. Smith**
NDMY Choir, Cara & Andrew Kay

RESPONSE **MBW #817**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SOLO "O Holy Night" **Adolphe Adam**
Theresa Dewider

THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

THE MESSAGE OF THE LIGHTED CANDLE

DISTRIBUTION AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
(while Hymns are sung)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie, **MBW #282**
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Hark! The herald angels sing: “Glory to the newborn King!” **MBW #295**
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all you nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th’ angelic host proclaim: “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing: “Glory to the newborn King!”

The first Noel, the angel did say, **MBW #290**
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the East, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, with heart, and soul, and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior, was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray,
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy!

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place
and with true love and brotherhood, each other now embrace;
the holy tide of Christmas, all other doth efface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy!

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, **MBW #301**
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep in the hay.

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright, **MBW #297**
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

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.

HYMN: “Morning Star” **MBW #281**
Evangeline Carolan, John Carmine Campagna, Logan Kay, Brielle Loize
(**Note:** Singer in *italic print*/ **Congregation in regular print.**)

(When the Pastor lifts his candle on the last stanza of this hymn please lift your candle to show your desire to receive and share the light of Christ.)

Morning Star, O cheering sight!
Ere thou cam’st, how dark earth’s night!
Morning Star, O cheering sight!
Ere thou cam’st, how dark earth’s night!
Jesus mine, In me shine.
In me shine, Jesus mine.
Fill my heart with light divine.

Morning Star, thy glory bright
far excels the sun’s clear light.
Morning Star, thy glory bright
far excels the sun’s clear light.
Jesus be, Constantly
Constantly, Jesus be
more than thousand suns to me.

Thy glad beams, thou Morning Star,
cheer the nations near and far.
Thy glad beams, thou Morning Star,
cheer the nations near and far.
Thee we own, Lord alone.
Lord alone, Thee we own,
our dear Savior, God’s dear Son

*Morning Star, my soul's true light,
tarry not, dispel my night.*

**Morning Star, my soul's true light,
tarry not, dispel my night.**

Jesus mine, In me shine.

*In me shine, Jesus mine;
fill my heart with light divine.*

***HYMN**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

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

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.

MBW #294

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

For He has looked favorably upon His people and redeemed them.
The dayspring from on High has visited us, to give light to those who
sit in darkness,

And to guide our feet into the way of peace!

Rejoice in God our Savior, for the Mighty One has done great things for us!

And holy is God's name!

In him was life, the life was the light of humanity. The light shines
in the darkness,

And the darkness has not overcome it.

Children of the Light, long after these candles have been extinguished,
the Light of Christ will be with you. And as you go from this place:

May the Light of Christ shine before you to guide you,
may it shine around you to protect you,
may it shine within you to inspire you,
and may it shine above you to bless you.

In the Name of Jesus, the Newborn King. **Amen.**

THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED

POSTLUDE

Dylan Sauerwald

GUEST PERFORMERS:

Violin 1 - Dongmyung Ahn

Violin 2 - Francis Liu

Cello - Oliver Weston

Bass - Nathaniel Mattingly

Alto - Guest Performer TBD