



***Central Christian Church***

***(Disciples of Christ)***

***Decatur, Illinois***

***December 24, 2021***

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Harp Concert Julia Jamieson

Prelude *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Julia Jamieson  
Dee Dee Gain

Greeting Michael E. Karunas

\*Call To Worship Tina Miller

Leader: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!  
The grace of God has come to save us.

**People: For the sake of our salvation, Jesus the Christ came  
to live among us.**

Leader: Let all the people sing for joy and give thanks.  
Tell the world what God has done in our midst.

**People: God has called and chosen us to hear receive  
this Good News.**

Leader: We have come to honor God and see for ourselves  
what God has done.

**People: Glory to God in the highest.  
And peace on earth to all who please God!**

\*Carol *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* No. 150

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"



from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold;  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven's all gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

4. For lo, the days are hastening on,  
by prophet 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 the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

Reading

Luke 2:15-20

Diana Ritter

Song

*Angels, From the Realms of Glory (vs. 1, 2)*

No. 149

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
you who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.  
2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Reading

John 1:1-5, 10-14

Paul Gorden

Song

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Julia Jamieson

Meditation on the Meaning of Christmas

Invitation to Communion  
Words of Institution  
Prayer David Wagner  
Partaking of the Elements

Communion Music

*What Child Is This*

No. 162

1. 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.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate,  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary.

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
come, rich and poor, to own him,  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Service of Candlelighting

Litany

Carol

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

No. 145

1. 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.
2. 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!
3. 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.
4. 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.

Benediction

Closing Carol

*Joy to the World*

No. 143

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world, 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.

3. 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.

Postlude

Pealing of Christmas Bells