

December 24, 2017

7:00 pm

2017 Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service
“STAR-CHILD”

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

Please sign in using the attendance books along the center aisles.

PRELUDE: *“Silent Night”* David Lines, Organist
set by Virgil Fox

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES: Ian George, Acolyte
Enter with the symbol of the Light of Christ

CHRISTMAS EVE GREETING: Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

* TRINITY BELLS (Stand as you are able)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Chalmer Tomlinson, Liturgist
(Leader) He's coming! He's coming! The Savior of the World is coming!
(People) Let us prepare our hearts to greet him!
(Leader) He comes to each one of us, healing and restoring our lives!
(People) Praise be to God for God's mighty gift to us.
(Leader) O Come, Prince of Peace, bring your light to us!
All: We are ready to receive you in our lives! Amen.

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE / THE UPDEGRAFF FAMILY
(DEREK, ELIZABETH, ITSEL AND MILETTA UPDEGRAFF)
(WHILE THE FAMILY IS LIGHTING THE CANDLES)

*WORDS OF CHRIST

Chalmer Tomlinson, Liturgist

Now the time is near! The One who will save us, brings God's light into our world. We light this Christ Candle in celebration of God's most precious gift to us - our Savior Jesus Christ.

All: AMEN!

* ADVENT / CHRIST CANDLE SONG

All

Advent Candle Song

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is divided into two parts, I and II. Part I has five lines of lyrics, and Part II has five lines. The second staff has five lines of lyrics, and the third staff has five lines. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Light one can - dle:	Christ is com - ing,
2. Light two can - dles:	Christ is com - ing,
3. Light three can - dles:	Christ is com - ing,
4. Light four can - dles:	Christ is com - ing,
5. Light the white one	Christ is born, _____

Christ, the Hope of the world.	Light one can - dle:
Christ, the Peace of the world.	Light two can - dles:
Christ, the Joy of the world.	Light three can - dles:
Christ, the Love of the world.	Light four can - dles:
Christ, the Light of the world.	Light the white one:

Christ is com - ing,	Christ is com - ing soon!
Christ is com - ing,	Christ is com - ing soon!
Christ is com - ing,	Christ is com - ing soon!
Christ is com - ing,	Christ is com - ing soon!
Christ is born, _____	Christ is born to - night!

WORDS and MUSIC: Sally Ahner

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*HYMN #234

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

All

*OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

All, Led by Chalmer Tomlinson,
Liturgist

Glorious God, who presents us with the most precious of gifts, we praise you for all your blessings in our lives. Tonight we have come to this place, in the midst of a busy time. We might not even have everything ready at home, yet we have come, because we ourselves need to be ready. Work in our hearts this night, preparing us for your presence. Work in our lives that we may reach out to others in comfort and compassion; work in our world that the darkness that has encompassed it may be dispelled by the brightness of your love and your Gift. In faith and expectation, we pray. AMEN.

ANTHEM

“A Christmas Mosaic”

by Richard Lamb; arr. by Don McAfee

The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by David Lines) with Handbell Ringers Jason Handen, Greg Laird, Gayla Lonsbery, and Alice Musarra

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

Chalmer Tomlinson,
Liturgist

[The Story of the Nativity]

(The New Testament, page 54 NRSV)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ!

All: Glory to You, O Christ! Amen!

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastor J. T. Kim

(Pastor) Tonight we come with our hopes and our dreams. We come as little children. We come because for some of us it is tradition for the whole family

"STAR-CHILD"

A Christmas Message in Sight and Sound

(Adapted from MinistryMatters Worship Connection;

Written by Nancy C. Townley)

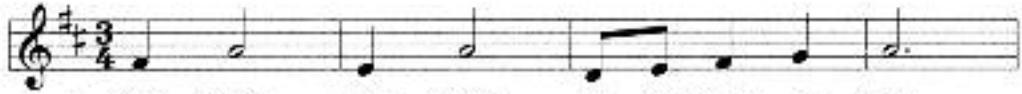
Coordinated by Barbara Jo Wilson

INVITATION TO THE "STAR-CHILD"

Pastor J. T. Kim

Star-Child

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1. Star - Child, earth - Child, go - be - tween of God,
2. Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
3. Grown child, old child, mem - ory full of years,
4. Spared child, spoiled child, hav - ing, want - ing more,
5. Hope - for - peace Child, God's stu - pend - ous sign,

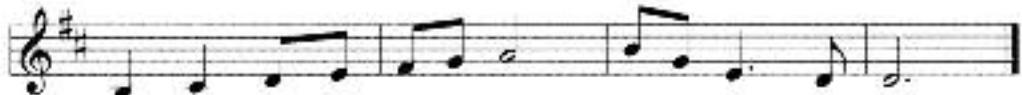


love Child, Christ Child, heav - en's light - ning rod,
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
sad child, lost child, sto - ry told in tears,
wise child, faith child, know - ing joy in store,
down - to - earth Child, Star of stars that shine,

Refrain



This year, this year, let the day ar - rive when



Christ - mas comes for ev - ery - one, ev - ery - one a - live!

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray (Matt. 21:12)

MUSIC: Carlton R. Young

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STAR CHILD
#5-45 with Refrain

SINGING OF THE "STAR-CHILD"
READER 1

All
Matthew Setlik

THE HOLY FAMILY ENTERS

Mary: Paulette Bruggeman;
Joseph: Gary Bruggeman

SINGING VERSE 1 OF "STAR-CHILD"

Carmen Lonsbery

READER 2

Emily Setlik

THREE CHILDREN AND ONE YOUTH ENTER

Julia Zeeb, Lilly Zeeb,
Matthew Musarra, Rose Musarra

SINGING VERSE 2 OF "STAR-CHILD"

Rose Musarra

READER 3

Gigi Johnson-Handen

FOUR ADULTS ENTER

Jessica Bennett, Helen Kirkwood,
Ron Bayer, Dan Lonsbery

SINGING VERSE 3 OF "STAR-CHILD"

Dan Lonsbery

READER 4

Marie Madden

TWO CHILDREN AND ONE YOUTH ENTER

Itsel Updegraff,
Miletta Updegraff, Leslie Tomlinson

SINGING VERSE 4 OF "STAR-CHILD"

Leslie Tomlinson

READER 5

David Allen

SIX ANGELS ENTER

Allison George, Ian George,
Kris Lovekin, Kate Lovekin,
Bob Nelson, Norma Nelson

THE PASTOR ENTERS

Rev. J. T. Kim

SINGING VERSE 5 OF "STAR-CHILD"

All

**5. Hope-for-Peace Child, God's stupendous sign / down-to-earth Child,
Star of stars that shine / This year, this year, let the day arrive when /
Christmas comes for everyone / everyone alive.**

PASTOR

*HYMN

"O Holy Night"
(Music Included in the Program)

All

[THE LIGHTS IN THE CHANCEL AREA ARE TURNED OFF]

[AS THE CONGREGATION EXIT TO THE PATIO, THE PASTOR GIVES THE LIGHT TO SEVERAL PEOPLE; AND THEY ALSO GIVE LIGHTS TO OTHER PEOPLE. ALL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HOLDING THE LIGHTED CANDLE NOW MAKE A BIG CIRCLE IN THE PATIO.]

PASTOR

Let us sing together.

**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!**

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (LUKE 2:14, NLT)

All

(Pastor) Glory to God in highest heaven,

(All) and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased. Amen!

O Holy Night!

The Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35

Introduction

1. O ho-ly night! the stars are bright-ly
2. Led by the light of faith se-rene-ly
3. Tru-ly He taught us to love one an-

The introduction consists of two staves of music. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a 12/8 time signature. It begins with a series of eighth notes in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

shin - ing; It is the night of the dear Sav-ior's birth.
beam - ing, With glow - ing hearts by His cra - dle we stand.
oth - er; His law is love and His gos - pel is peace.

The first verse of the song is set to music. The upper staff continues the melody from the introduction, with lyrics written below the notes. The lower staff continues the accompaniment.

Long lay the world in sin and er - ror pin - ing, Till He ap -
So led by light of a star sweet-ly gleam - ing, Here came the
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our broth - er, And in His

The second verse continues the musical and lyrical progression. The melody and accompaniment are consistent with the previous section.

peared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope - the
Wise Men from O - ri - ent land. The King of kings lay
name all op - pres - sion shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in

The final verse concludes the piece. The music ends with a final chord in the lower staff.

TEXT: John S. Dwight
MUSIC: Adolphe Adam

CANTIQUE DE NOËL
Irregular meter

wea - ry world re - joic - es, For yon - der breaks a new and glo - rious morn!
 thus in low - ly man - ger, In all our tri - als born to be our Friend.
 grate - ful cho - rus raise we; Let all with - in us praise His ho - ly name.

Fall on your knees! O hear the an - gel voic - es! O night
 He knows our need - to our weak - ness is no strang - er. Be - hold
 Christ is the Lord! O praise His name for - ev - er! His pow'r

di - vine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O
 your King, be - fore Him low - ly bend! Be - hold your
 and glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim! His pow'r and

ho - ly night, O night di - vine!
 King, be - fore Him low - ly bend!
 glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim!

Optional extended or choral ending

His pow'r and glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim!