

# CANDLELIGHT, CAROLS AND COMMUNION

Thursday, December 24, 2015

11:00 p.m.

## †THE PRELUDE

*“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”* .....arr. Kristina Vasiliauskaitė  
Lauren Winkelman, organ

## THE CHORAL INTROIT

*“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”* .....Ralph Vaughan Williams  
The Chancel Choir  
[Text may be followed at No. 168 in the hymnal.]

## \*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 173

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* ..... ADESTE FIDELES

## THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE..... Diane Thayer and Lauren Winkelman

One: So many times, we have told this story.

**All: So many times, we have sung the songs.**

One: Christmas comes and we try so hard to remember

**All: Why are we here?**

One: Why do we light a candle and sing?

**All: Why are we here?**

One: We come, following the star of hope.

**All: We come to listen for a still small voice.**

One: The story of a little child born in a dirty barn, giving life to the whispers of the ancient stories, bringing hope to a forgotten dream.

**All: We come to remember.**

One: The story of angels singing in a bright, star-filled night, proclaiming the wonder and majesty of this one, small moment.

**All: We come to be amazed!**

One: The story of good news, proclaimed to the outcast shepherds, reminding us of God’s love for the least of these.

**All: We come to be humbled.**

One: The story of a baby, born breathing the grand promises of God.

**All: We come to give thanks.**

One: Light of the world, hope of all nations, Jesus Christ, born this night.

**All: We come to share the good news of God’s love, born to us that we might have life!**  
~Corinne Causby

## THE PASTORAL GREETING..... Bob Setzer, Jr.

## THE SOLO

*“The Lamb”* ..... Lee Hoiby  
Tim Pennell, tenor

*Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?  
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed By the stream and o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing, woolly, bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice?  
Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?*

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\* Those who are able will stand.

† Ushers will seat those waiting.

Hearing aids and large print hymns are available from the ushers.

*Little Lamb, I'll tell thee Little Lamb, I'll tell thee;  
He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb.  
He is meek, and he is mild. He became a little child.  
I, a child, and thou a lamb, We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!*  
~William Blake

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:8-20 .....Lucrecia Norman  
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*THE HYMN OF DEVOTION, NO. 170  
"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" ..... CAROL

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION ..... Bob Setzer, Jr.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION..... Bob Setzer, Jr.

The Sursum Corda

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Forgive us, God, for we have forgotten why we have come on this cold evening.  
In moments, we have lost sight of your love made flesh. We have failed to love  
you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors because we often  
don't love ourselves. O Christ, forgive us and help us to see the grandness of  
your love made flesh this night in a tiny bundle of joy. May we live as a  
beloved people, serving as messengers of Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love.**

~Corinne Causby

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

We invite the congregation to come forward for communion. Please approach the rail using the two center aisles, and exit down the side aisles. You may kneel or stand as you wish and receive the bread and cup. If you prefer to have communion served at your seat, please indicate with a raised hand and a deacon will assist you.

The Bread and the Cup

"Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes"..... Hal H. Hopson

The Chancel Choir

*Thou shalt know him when he comes; not by any din of drums, nor the manner of his  
airs, nor by anything he wears; Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown  
or his gown, but his coming known shall be by the holy harmony. Thou shalt know him  
when he comes. Amen.*

"Gesù Bambino" ..... Pietro Yon

Anna Ball, soprano

*When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night,  
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.  
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced;  
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.*

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night,  
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.  
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell.  
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.*

\*THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT..... Bob Setzer, Jr.

***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, 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.**

***The First Noel***

**The first Noel, the angels did say,  
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.**

***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice***

**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!**

***Joy to the World***

**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.**

\*THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING..... Bob Setzer, Jr.

[At the conclusion of the blessing, please extinguish the candles. Please return the candle holders to the container in the narthex. You are free to take your candles to bring the blessing of Christmas light into your home.]

\*THE POSTLUDE

*"Toccata on ADESTE FIDELES"..... David Hegarty  
Lauren Winkelman, organ*



**ABOUT OUR WORSHIP**

Tonight we celebrate Christmas Eve and the birth of Jesus. This evening's candle-lighting liturgy and prayer of confession were written by Knollwood member Corinne Causby. We welcome new member Diane Thayer and her daughter Lauren Winkelman as the Christ candle lighters. We express appreciation to Anna Ball and Tim Pennell for sharing their musical gifts.

**ABOUT OUR BANNERS**

Drawing on biblical stories and images, the Advent banners depict the four movements of the Advent season: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love. The Advent season anticipates the coming of the Christ child at Christmas.

**PLEASE REFER TO P. 32 FOR ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.**