



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service of
Lessons and Carols
December 24, 2021

**FIRST CHURCH
IN CAMBRIDGE**
Congregational 1633-1636
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Garden and Mason Streets
Cambridge, Massachusetts

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love

We're glad you are worshiping with us today! First Church is a vibrant, multi-generational, engaged, urban church. We care a lot about each other and what's happening in the world around us. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here.

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Leading Worship

Dan Smith, *Senior Minister*
Lexi Boudreaux, *Transitional Minister*
Kate Layzer, *Minister of Street Outreach*
Jaz Buchanan, *Pastoral Associate*
Sarah Higginbotham, *Director of Creative Worship & Arts*
Peter Sykes, *Director of Music*
Davis Dyer, Graham Funck, Sara Hendren,
Ben Jones, and James Ross, *readers*
Lee Prouty, *tech support*

Bulletin Cover Image Freddie Funck, *Youth Group member*

VOLUNTARY

In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

*GREETING

Kate Layzer

L: Come, friends, into the light of God's welcome and peace!

**C: We come as travelers from far away,
seeking warmth for weary spirits,
seeking hope for an aching world.**

L: Our roads meet tonight in the lamplight of a poor stable,
at the cradle of a Child born to us in love.

**C: Here at last is the one our hearts have waited for:
Emmanuel, God with us, the Bearer of Peace.**

**All: Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is born!
O come, let us adore him!**

*CAROL 132

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(verses 1, 2, and 4 only)

**You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" are found in the beginning section of the hymnal. This section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church in Cambridge.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dan Smith and Lexi Boudreaux

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Jaz Buchanan and Sarah Higginbotham

READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Davis Dyer

READING

Luke 2:1-7

James Ross

***CAROL 147**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

READING

Luke 2:8-20

Graham Funck and Sara Hendren

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

L: The light of Christ!

All: Thanks be to God!

***CAROL 137**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
(verses 1 and 2 only)

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray this prayer in words most meaningful to your heart.)

All: Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory forever. Amen.

HOMILY

Dan Smith

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter
Beth Spaulding, soprano

Harold Darke

CAROL 142

Silent Night, Holy Night

*BLESSING

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In Dulci Jubilo

Dieterich Buxtehude



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OPENING CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

132

verses 1, 2, and 4 only

→ 1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 → 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3. Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
 → 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,
 (1.) A - des - te fi - de - les, lae - ti tri - um - phan - tes;

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!
 we would em - brace thee with love and awe;
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;
 ve - ni - te, ve - ni - te in Beth - le - hem.

come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 Word of the E - ter - nal, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
 Na - tum vi - de - te Re - gem an - ge - lo - rum.

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
 ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, Do - mi - num.

WORDS: Latin: John Francis Wade, 1743; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others, alt.

MUSIC: John Francis Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, c. 1743

ADESTE FIDELES

Irr. w. refrain

Though the translation of this Latin hymn by John Francis Wade is primarily that of the Oxford Movement's Frederick Oakeley, over sixteen different translations have been used in hymnals.

SECOND CAROL

147

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
 2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new,

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing, Christ the babe is born for all.
 saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry - tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

Swift - ly wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
 Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing greet the mor - row:

Christ the babe is born for all; Christ the babe is born for all!
 Christ the babe was born for you; Christ the babe was born for you!

WORDS: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1925, alt.
 MUSIC: Polish folk melody; adapt. A. E. Rusbridge

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Carols were originally dances. This tune, whose title translates as
 'in manger lying,' is set to the rhythm of a Polish mazurka.

Music adapt. by permission of Rosalind Rusbridge

THIRD CAROL

137

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

verses 1 and 2 only

→ 1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 → 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er last - ing Lord!
 3. Hail the heaven - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased on earth with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise all souls on earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.


Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Silent Night, Holy Night

142



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight;
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light;
 (1.) *Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, ein - sam wacht*



round you vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar. Hol - der Kna - be im lock - i - gen Haar,



sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh!