

# WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —



Christmas Eve Bell Service  
December 24, 2018

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3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

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*Bells have long been used at Christmas to announce the good news of the birth of Christ.  
In this service, all ages can participate in the ringing of bells to express the joy of Christmas.*

## Prelude

(3:00) *The Friendly Beasts*

12th c. English Carol

(4:00) *Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella*

Traditional French Carol

Joyful Noise Choir Recorders

## Introit - On Christmas Night

arr. by R. Vaughn Williams

*On Christmas night all Christians sing, To hear the news the angels bring.  
News of great joy, news of great mirth. News of our wonderful King's birth.  
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night.  
Glory to God and peace to men. Now and for evermore. Amen.*

Combined Children's Choirs

## Welcome to Worship

(3:00) Robert Galloway; (4:00) Chip Pope

## Bell Ringing

**\*Hymn 134 - Joy to the World, st. 1** (with bells)

ANTIOCH

**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.**

## Prayer

Lynn Springfield

## Christmas Pageant

**Introduction**

Tracey Daniel

**The Story**

Narrator, Gwen Whiteman

**Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem**

**Hymn 121 - O Little Town of Bethlehem, st. 1**

ST. LOUIS

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
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.**

\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

## Jesus is Born

**Hymn 115 - *Away in a Manger, st. 1***

MUELLER

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
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 on the hay.**

## Angels Announce the Birth and Shepherds Go to the Stable

**Hymn 147 - *The First Nowell, v. 1 and 2***

THE FIRST NOWELL

**The first Nowell the angel 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.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, 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.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

## Shepherds Leave to Share the Good News

**Hymn 137 - *He Came Down***

HE CAME DOWN

**He came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.**

## Offertory

(3:00) *Angels We Have Heard on High*

arr. David Cherwien

(4:00) Anthem - *Sing We Now of Christmas*

arr. by Becki Slagle Mayo

*Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.*

*Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel. Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel.*

*Angels called to shepherds, "leave your flock at rest; journey forth to Bethlehem, find the Child so blest."*

*Come let us adore him. In the stall they found him; Joseph and Mary mild. Seated 'round the manger,*

*watching the holy Child. Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel. Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel.*

*From the eastern country came the kings afar. Bearing gifts to Bethlehem guided by a star. Sing we, Noel, the King is born, Noel. Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel.*

Joyful Noise Choir

**\*Hymn 136 - *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, v.1 and refrain (with bells)**

GO TELL IT

**Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;**

**go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,**

**behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;**

**go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Chiming of the Trinity**

**Postlude - Toccata on *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Karl Zinsmeister

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**The offering this afternoon** goes to Christmas Share to support community and global missions. Our offerings support children and youth at risk, families in crisis, those who are in danger of not having enough food to eat and those not living in adequate housing. Our global mission partners share the good news of the gospel in Haiti, the Middle East, Poland and Russia.

**Restrooms** are in the Luther Building, behind the sanctuary, through Jane Bell Gathering Space.

**Welcome visitors!** If you would like more information about White Memorial or are interested in membership, please call Elizabeth Viohl at 919-834-3425, ext. 206.

**Thanks to everyone who helped with this service!**

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