



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 24, 2025

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Christmas Eve/6:00 pm

Mary is Everyone: A New Song of Liberation “We Were There”

Prelude *Sing We Now of Christmas* Traditional French Carol
Daniel Self - Piano

Welcome Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Candle-lighting

All-Ages Christmas Pageant

We Were There

Music: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,
HOW STILL WEE SEE YOU LIE!
ABOVE YOUR DEEP AND DREAMLESS SLEEP
THE SILENT STARS GO BY;
YET IN YOUR DARK STREETS SHINES FORTH
THE EVER LASTING LIGHT,
THE HOPES AND FEARS OF ALL THE YEARS
ARE MET IN YOU TONIGHT

FOR CHRIST IS BORN OF MARY,
AND GATHERED ALL ABOVE,
WHILE MORTALS SLEEP, THE ANGELS KEEP
THEIR WATCH OF WONDERING LOVE.
O MORNING STARS, TOGETHER
PROCLAIM THE HOLY BIRTH!
AND PRAISES SING, AND VOICES RING
WITH PEACE TO ALL ON EARTH.

HOW SILENTLY, HOW SILENTLY,
THE WONDROUS GIFT IS GIVEN!
SO GOD IMPARTS TO HUMAN HEARTS
THE GLORIOUS LOVE OF HEAVEN.
NO ONE DISCERNS GOD’S COMING,
BUT IN THIS WORLD OF SIN.
WHERE YEARNING SOULS LONG TO BE WHOLE,
THE DEAR CHRIST ENTERS IN.

Music: THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

JESUS, OUR BROTHER, KIND AND GOOD,
WAS HUMBLY BORN IN A STABLE RUDE,
AND THE FRIENDLY BEASTS AROUND HIM STOOD;
JESUS, OUR BROTHER, KIND AND GOOD.

"I," SAID THE DONKEY, SHAGGY AND BROWN,
"I CARRIED HIS MOTHER UPHILL AND DOWN;
I CARRIED HIS MOTHER TO BETHLEHEM TOWN.
I," SAID THE DONKEY, SHAGGY AND BROWN.

"I," SAID THE COW, ALL WHITE AND RED,
"I GAVE HIM MY MANGER FOR HIS BED,
I GAVE HIM MY HAY TO PILLOW HIS HEAD.
I," SAID THE, COW ALL WHITE AND RED.

"I," SAID THE SHEEP WITH CURLY HORN,
"I GAVE HIM MY WOOL FOR HIS BLANKET WARM;
HE WORE MY COAT ON CHRISTMAS MORN,
I," SAID THE SHEEP WITH CURLY HORN.

"I," SAID THE DOVE FROM THE RAFTERS HIGH,
"I COOED HIM TO SLEEP THAT HE SHOULD NOT CRY:
WE COOED HIM TO SLEEP, MY MATE AND I.
I," SAID THE DOVE FROM THE RAFTERS HIGH

THUS EVERY BEAST BY SOME GOOD SPELL,
IN THE STABLE DARK WAS GLAD TO TELL
HOW THEY GAVE THEIR GIFT TO EMMANUEL;
THE GIFT THEY GAVE EMMANUEL.

Music: HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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 ANGELELIC HOSTS PROCLAIM
CHRIST IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING,
GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING
CHRIST BY HIGHEST HEAVEN ADORNED,
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
PLEASE WITH US IN FLESH TO DWELL,
JESUS, OUR EMMANUEL

Music: IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR,
THAT GLORIOUS SONG OF OLD,
FROM ANGELS BENDING NEAR THE EARTH
TO TOUCH THEIR HARPS OF GOLD;

“PEACE ON THE EARTH, GOOD WILL TO ALL,
GREAT NEWS OF JOY WE BRING.”
THE WORLD IN SOLEMN STILLNESS LAY
TO HEAR THE ANGELS SING.

STILL THROUGH THE COVEN SKIES THEY COME,
WITH PEACEFUL WINGS UNFURLED,
AND STILL THEIR HEAVENLY MUSIC FLOATS
O’ER ALL THE WEARY WORLD;

WHEN PEACE SHALL OVER ALL THE EARTH
ITS ANCIENT SPLENDORS FLING,
AND ALL THE WORLD SEND BACK THE SONG
WHICH NOW THE ANGELS SING.

Music: LO, HOW A ROSE

LO, HOW A ROSE, E’ER BLOOMING
FROM TENDER STEM HAS SPRUNG!
OF JESSE’S LINEAGE COMING
AS SAINTS OF OLD HAVE SONG.
IT CAME A FLOWERET BRIGHT,
AMID THE COLD OF WINTER
WHEN HALF SPEND WAS THE NIGHT.

ISAIAH HAD FORETOLD IT,
THE ROSE I HAVE IN MIND,
WITH MARY WE BEHOLD IT,
THE VIRGIN MOTHER KIND.
TO SHOW GOD’S LOVE ARIGHT,
SHE BORE FOR US A SAVIOR,
WHEN HALF SPENT WAS THE NIGHT.

Music: WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

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, THE ANGELS SING,
IS CHRIST, GOD’S HOLY OFFERING;
HASTE, HASTE YOUR PRAISE TO BRING
THE BABE, THE CHILD OF MARY!

Music: HOW GREAT IS OUR JOY

WHILE BY THE SHEEP WE WATCHED AT NIGHT,
GLAD TIDING BROUGHT AN ANGEL BRIGHT.
HOW GREAT OUR JOY! GREAT OUR JOY!
JOY, JOY, JOY! JOY, JOY, JOY!
PRAISE WE THE LORD IN HEAV’N ON HIGH!
PRAISE WE THE LORD IN HEAV’N ON HIGH!
THERE SHALL BE BORN, SO HE DID SAY,
IN BETHLEHEM A CHILD TODAY.

HOW GREAT OUR JOY! GREAT OUR JOY!
JOY, JOY, JOY! JOY, JOY, JOY!
PRAISE WE THE LORD IN HEAV'N ON HIGH!
PRAISE WE THE LORD IN HEAV'N ON HIGH!

THERE SHALL THE CHILD LIE IN A STALL,
THIS CHILD WHO SHALL REDEEM US ALL.

HOW GREAT OUR JOY! GREAT OUR JOY!
JOY, JOY, JOY! JOY, JOY, JOY!
PRAISE WE THE LORD IN HEAV'N ON HIGH!
PRAISE WE THE LORD IN HEAV'N ON HIGH!

Special Music *Rise Up Shepherds and Follow* Laura Grove

Prayers of the People

Offering Invitation Cinda S

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Musical Offering

Doxology Sung to tune of *What Child is This?*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator Christ and Spirit one.

Prayer of Dedication

Song **O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL, JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT!
O COME YE, O COME YE TO BETHLEHEM!
COME AND BEHOLD HIM, BORN THE KING OF ANGELS:

[REFRAIN]
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,
CHRIST THE LORD!

TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD, LIGHT FROM LIGHT ETERNAL,
BEHOLD, HE COMES FORTH FROM THE VIRGIN'S WOMB.
SON OF GOD, BE GOTTEN, NOT CREATED.

[REFRAIN]

SEE HOW THE SHEPHERDS, SUMMONED TO HIS CRADLE,
LEAVING THEIR FLOCKS, DRAW NIGH WITH LOWLY FEAR;
WE TOO WILL TITHER, BEND OUR JOYFUL FOOTSTEPS:

[REFRAIN]

CHILD, FOR US SINNERS, POOR AND IN THE MANGER.
FAIN WE EMBRACE THEE, WITH AWE AND LOVE;
WHO WOULD NOT LOVE THEE, LOVING US SO DEARLY?

[REFRAIN]

SING CHOIRS OF ANGELS, SING IN EXULTATION,
SING, ALL YE CITIZENS OF HEAV'N ABOVE;
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST;

[REFRAIN]

YEA, LORD, WE GREET THEE, BORN THIS HAPPY MORNING,
JESU, TO THEE BE GLORY GIV'N;
WORD OF THE FATHER, NOW IN FLESH APPEARING;

[REFRAIN]

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, 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.

SILENT SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT. WONDROUS STAR, LEND THY LIGHT
WITH THE ANGELS LET US SING ALLELUIA TO THE KING.
CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN, CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN.

Benediction

Joy to World

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME:
LET EARTH ITS PRAISES BRING;
LET EVERY HEART PREPARE CHRIST ROOM,
AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING,
AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING,
AND HEAVEN, AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING.

JOY TO THE EARTH! 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.

CHRIST RULES THE WORLD WITH TRUTH AND GRACE,
AND MAKES THE NATIONS PROVE
THE GLORIES OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND WONDERS OF GOD'S LOVE, AND WONDERS OF GOD'S LOVE,
AND WONDERS, AND WONDERS OF GOD'S LOVE.

Thank you for joining us tonight!

We hope you will experience
the joy and strength that we have found
in this community of faith.

To all our friends, long-time and new,
we wish you a very blessed Christmas season!

— Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Tonight's Service:

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel, Pastor

Daniel E. Self, Music Director

Alki UCC Community Choir

We Were There, an original Christmas Pageant
written by Pastor Emily

Greeters: Keith and Marti T, Patty M and Dan K

Order of Worship Subject to Change;

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Image—Mary: Love Forever Being Born by Kelly Latimore

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