

Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings!

By: Patrick Messick

Featuring: Little Angels, Stepping Stones and Pathway Singers

Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings!
Twinkle! Twinkle! (Song of the Stars)
Gloria! (Song of the Angels)
Wake Up! Wake Up! (Song of the Shepherds)
Mary's Lullaby
Wondrous Star (Song of the Kings)
Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings! / Go Tell It on the Mountain!

**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 shown 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.
The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

Music for this service today is offered by the children of Christ Church. Many adults support our music ministries. A special thank you to musical directors Brenda Fyles, Deedee O'Dell, Richard D. Owen and production director Ruth Van Vugt.



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8:00 am – Worship and Communion
in the Chapel
9:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 am – Emergent Worship in the
Education Conference
Center

6:15 pm Wednesday Worship

To Live, Love and Serve as Jesus Teaches
An inclusive church where all are welcome!

December 20, 2009

11:00 am

Today at Emergent Worship

Gathering

Echo Carol

Jubilee Bells

Away in a Manger

Jubilee Bells with Aaron Mead, violin

Welcoming/Centering

Christmas Bell Procession

Jubilee Bells & Carillon Ringers

Time of Praise

(UMH 220) – Angels from the Realms of Glory

Special Music: Jingle Bells

Little Angels

Sharing Our Joys, Concerns, Prayers, Lord's Prayer

Offering 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime' Carillon Ringers

Community (UMH 246; stanzas 1 & 3) – Joy to the World

Encountering

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(see reverse for complete listing)

Responding

"What is your part?"

Pastor Amanda Larsen

ReEntering:

Song of Sending (UMH 203) – Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Blessing

Closing Music: Joy to the World

Carillon Ringers

Welcome to Emergent Worship

Emergent worship comes from within the community. The origin of the word liturgy is λειτουργία (leitourgia in ancient Greek), “work of the people.” Emergent worship is liturgy. Members of our community provide some of the ideas for this service.

Each service has several elements that do not change from week to week. We take time to center ourselves and we take time to reenter the world. Other parts of the service change each week, especially how we connect to God’s words and the music we use to praise God.

The Advent Conspiracy – The story of Christ’s birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it’s all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas? What if Christmas became a world-changing event again? Welcome to the Advent Conspiracy. (learn more at www.adventconspiracy.org)

Children are invited to sit in the front (near the action!). We do have nursery care for children through age three. However, we encourage children to worship with us. When they cry, or giggle, or shout “ba!” they remind us to praise God in all things. Quiet toys are

available outside the sanctuary in worship bags. Coloring supplies are in the “loft.” Our Children have created a behavior covenant that they live into together.

Centering Breath One of the Hebrew words for Spirit is ru’ah, which is also translated as breath. Our centering breath ritual enhances our participation, sets our intention, and focuses our thoughts. This helps us to be fully present for anything, including worship.

Offering We take an offering in gratitude to God for what God is doing in our lives.

Encountering the Word of God is the central portion of this service. We encounter God’s words in many ways and in many places throughout the week. It is at this point in worship we are especially attentive to listening to God’s words for us.

ReEntering We take time at the end of the service to ReEnter the world of our daily lives. On a good day we leave as changed people. We share a blessing with one another to transition into a time of Christian fellowship.

If you are interested in being a part of the planning for the service please let Pastor Amanda know. We have a team that meets quarterly to plan for upcoming services.