



**CHRISTMAS EVE
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

MUSICAL PRELUDE Barbara Fischer, Harpist
*“Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call Him
Emmanuel.”*

**PROCLAIMING THE NIGHT WITH BELLS, TRUMPETS AND
HARPSICHORD**
“Italian Concerto” by Bach Peter Fancovic, Organ

THE VOCAL PRELUDE “O Holy Night” Linda Holloway,
Soprano

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
No 234

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Alice
Lovellette, Reader

THE CHORAL ANNOUNCEMENT “When Will The Little King Come”
Chancel Choir

FIRST INVOCATION AND CONFESSION
Pastor: Beloved is the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and
invoke thy blessings upon
our confessions.
EVERYONE: “OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, WHO
MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH. I SAID, I WILL CONFESS MY
TRANSGRESSIONS UNTO THE LORD. AND THOU FORGAVEST
THE INIQUITY OF MY SIN.” SO, WE POOR SINNERS, CONFESS
UNTO THEE THAT WE ARE SINFUL BY NATURE AND
UNCLEAN, AND THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST THEE BY

THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED. THEREFORE, WE FLEE FOR
REFUGE TO THINE INFINITE MERCY, SEEKING AND
IMPLORING THY GRACE, FOR THE SAKE OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST.

MUSICAL INVOCATION “Angels We Have Heard On High”
No 238

SECOND INVOCATION AND CONFESSION
Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has mercy upon us and has
given His only Son to be born on this night and later died for the
forgiveness of each of our sins...grant us everlasting Peace. To all that
believe in His name and are baptized - repent and be saved from
eternal death. Grant us all joy and happiness.
EVERYONE: LORD, WITH TRUE HUMILITY, WE SEEK YOUR
FORGIVENESS FOR OUR KNOWN AND UNKNOWN SINS AND
GIVE GLORIOUS HONOR AND PRAISE TO YOUR SON JESUS
CHRIST. AMEN!

A HYMN OF CANTICLES “Hark The Herald Angels Sing” No 240

THE SECOND CANTICLE
Pastor: And thou, child of God, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest;
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare his ways;
EVERYONE: TO GIVE THE KNOWLEDGE OF SALVATION
UNTO EVERYONE BY THE REMISSION OF THEIR SINS,
THROUGH THE TENDER MERCY OF OUR FORGIVING GOD;
Pastor: Whereby the day springs from on high and hath visited us, to give
light to them that sit in the darkness and in the shadow of death...
EVERYONE: BUT TODAY, ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE GIVEN
US NEW LIFE THAT WILL BRING US INTO THE LIGHT OF
ETERNITY. AMEN!

A SECOND MUSICAL CANTICLE “Birthday of The King”
Roy, St Onge, Baritone

A HYMN OF PREPARATION “O Little Town Of Bethlehem”
No 230

THE OLD TESTAMENT WORD	Isaiah 11:1-3	Debi	THE GOSPEL MUSICAL AFFIRMATION	"Christmas Canon"
			Peter Fancovic, Piano	
			THE SPOKEN WORD:	<i>"Is This Really Christmas Eve?"</i> Rev Ted Althouse
			THE CANDEL LIGHTING CEREMONY AND CARRYING FORTH CHRIST'S LIGHT	
			The pastor shall receive the light for his Bethlehem candle from the Christ candle (symbolizing Christ's light coming into the world). He will then give this light to the ushers and bring the Christ light to each person in the first seat of each center isle who will then light the candle of the person seated next to them. When your candle is lit, meditate in silence and feel God's love and Christ's birth radiating around you. When All Candles Are Lighted, We Will Join Together And Sing: <i>SILENT NIGHT</i> No 239	
A HYMN FOR CONTEMPLATION No 219	"What Child Is This"		THE VOCAL BENEDICTION	"Ave Maria" Christopher Holloway, Bass Baritone
THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH EVERYONE: TONIGHT, AND EVERY DAY, I AFFIRM THERE IS ONE GOD AND THERE IS ONE SAVIOR, CHRIST JESUS, WHO CAME THIS NIGHT AS A RANSOM FOR ALL, TO WHOM WE TRULY TESTIFY AND ADORE. AMEN			THE POSTLUDE	"Joy To The World" All Musicians/Singers/Worshipers No 246
			<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>	
THE MUSICAL AIR OF ARRIVAL Fancovic, Piano	"Hallelujah Chorus"	Peter	 <i>The Special Christmas Candle Used By Rev. Althouse To Light Every Person's Candle Was First Lit By Him At The Actual Birthplace Where Jesus Christ Was Born In Bethlehem. It Is A Highly Revered Place And Marked With An Eternal Flame (Jesus Being The Eternal Light Of The World). By Bringing This Light From This Sacred Place, Symbolizes The Light Of The World (Jesus Christ) Entering Into Your Life And Passed On To Others Throughout The Year. May You Enjoy Peace, Happiness And Joy Tonight And Each Day Of Your Life.</i>	
Violin		Caroline Sikuta,		
THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL WORD Mary Reed, Lector	Matthew	1:18-25		
THE GOSPEL AFFIRMATION Linda Holloway, Vocal	"Gesu Bambio"	Christopher &		
THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL WORD St Onge, Lector	Luke 1:1-20	Gloria		
			Tonight, And Every Day Of Your Life, Pray For All Those In Need. Also Pray For World Peace And God's Love To Fill Every Human Heart.	

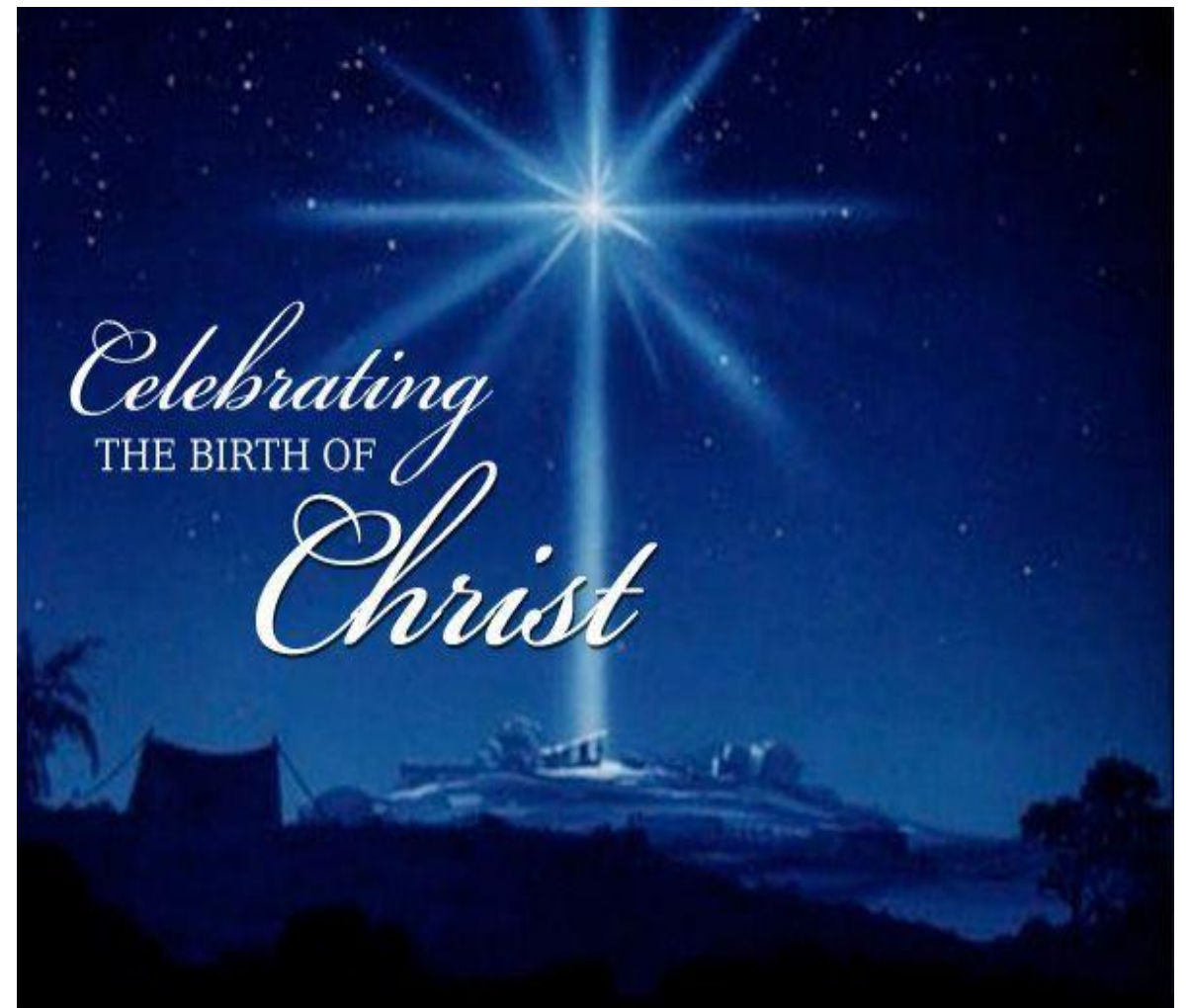
WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Roy St Onge, Director of Music/Baritone	Christopher
Holloway, Bass Baritone	
Peter Fancovic, Piano/Organ	Linda Holloway, Soprano
Jim Wert, Resident Pianist	Bill Dawson, Resident
Organist	
Barbara Fischer, Harp	Caroline Sikuta, Violin
Chancel Choir Members/Guests	Alice Lovellette, Reader
Debi Baches, Lector	Mary Reed,
Lector	
Gloria St Onge, Lector	Chapel of Cypress Cove Ushers

One Altar Flower Arrangement Is In Celebration Of The Birth Of Jesus Christ On This Night.

One Altar Flower Arrangement Is Presented By Joanne Ahern In Memory Of The Deceased Members Of Her Ahern And Obrien Families.

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRESENT A CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO
JESUS
AND PLACE IT IN THE MANGER ON THE REAR TABLE.**



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2021
THE CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE***