



Bellflower UMC

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

PRELUDE - O HOLY NIGHT

Katie Stout

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLES

CAROL - 245, The First Noel, v1-2

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8 –15, 17–19

God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15 –18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth shall obtain blessing.

CAROL - 211 O Come, Emmanuel v1,2,4,7

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1–4a, 6–9

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all of God's creation

CAROL - 230 O Little Town of Bethlehem

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26 –35, 38

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son whose kingdom shall never end.

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1 –7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

POEM - Sharon's Christmas Prayer

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8 –16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

CAROL - 240 Hark the Herald Angels Sing, v1

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1–11

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

CAROL - 254 We Three Kings

NINTH LESSON - John 1:1–14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

CAROL - 239 Silent Night, Holy Night

After receiving the light, each worshipper will turn and light the candle of the person seated next to them. The candle that is lit should remain upright and the one being lit should tip towards the one that is lit. While the candles are being lit, we will stand and sing “Silent Night, Holy Night”.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into One things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill;

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go forth in peace and joy.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

HYMN - 251 Go, Tell It On the Mountain, v3

As the room lights are turned on, please remove your mask, blow out your candle, and replace your mask.

