



# Corbin Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2020

6:00 p.m.

In the beginning, God dreamed of a beautiful world.

In Egypt, the Israelites dreamed of freedom.

In the wilderness, the people dreamed of safety.

In Jerusalem, the people dreamed of a Messiah.

In Bethlehem, the shepherds and Wise Men dreamed of a new beginning.

Then, several years later, Jesus walked this earth and dreams came true.

The sick were healed.

The poor had food.

The forgotten and ignored were seen.

The children were welcomed.

Everyone was invited to the table,

and world has never been the same.

So tonight, we are those who dream.

Tonight, we dream the same dreams of our ancestors before us.

Tonight, we dream of justice and mercy, of love and kindness, of peace and hope.

Tonight, we dream of a God who draws near to us out of unfailing love.

Tonight, our dreams are fulfilled.

Tonight, the light of God fills the heavens and illumines the earth. Love is born at Christmas!

# A Service of Lessons and Carols

Prelude

Meditation on GREENSLEEVES

William Chatterton Dix

1837-1898

## Lighting the Candles of the Advent Wreath & Call to Worship

We have dreamed, we have watched, we have waited ...in hope...for peace...in joy...and with love.

Now our redemption draws near!

**The One for whom we have waited has come! God's promise is fulfilled!**

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. **Glory to God in the highest!**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. **Glory to God in the highest!**

For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us. **Glory to God in the highest!**

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

To us is born in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

**Glory to God in the highest! O come, let us adore him!**

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

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!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest?

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Prayer

Loving God, on this holy night we gather, together and apart—

To stand with the shepherds, amazed at your glory;

To sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;

To wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;

To sit with Mary, cradling your love;

To hear the story again as if for the very first time.

May we listen so closely—

That we almost hear the bleats of sheep following shepherds;

That we almost hear the angels sing;

That we almost hear the innkeeper say, "No room."

That we almost hear the star whisper, "Follow me."

That we can hear you speaking to us.

As we turn to your Word this night, send your Spirit among us for we don't want to miss a thing—

The smell of the hay, the cool of the air, the way Mary cherished this wild dream in her heart.

Let us be still, let us listen, let us hear, let us find the One for whom we have waited and dreamed.

For to us is born this night a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord. Glory! Alleluia! Amen!

## The Prophecy

Scripture  
Hymn

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ESISTEIN' ROS'

Lo, how a rose e're blooming from tender stem hath spring,  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas 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.

## The Annunciation

Scripture  
Hymn

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

## The Birth of the Savior

Scripture  
Hymn

Luke 2:1-7

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.  
The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

## The Visit of the Shepherds

Scripture  
Hymn

Luke 2:8-12

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

CHRISTMAS

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind:  
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind, to you and humankind.

“To you, in David’s town this day, is born of David’s line the Savior, who is Christ the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:

“The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,  
All humbly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid, and in a manger laid.”

## The Visit of the Angels

Scripture

Luke 2:13-20

Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’re the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## The Visit of the Magi

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn

We Three Kings of Orient Are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

## Offering our Gifts to God & Prayer of Dedication

*Offering plates will not be passed, but will be placed on the table just outside the sanctuary doors. Those worshipping from home may send offerings to the church at 601 Master St., Corbin, KY 40701.*

For the gift of God’s own child,  
may we offer our thanks and praise.

For the gift of God’s light and salvation,  
may we offer our fullest devotion.

For the gift of this night,  
may we offer our gifts and our very lives. Amen.

# The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who seek to follow Jesus Christ. This is not a Presbyterian table, but the Lord's Table. Members, friends, and guests are welcome to share in this feast our Lord has prepared!*

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

O Lord our God it gives us great joy to lift up our hearts and give you thanks and praise....

Hear us now as we pray as our Savior has taught us, saying: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Communion of the People

*All who are worshipping in the sanctuary are invited to come to the table, maintaining a safe distance from others, pick up the prepared elements, and return with them to their seats. Once everyone is seated, the pastor will invite all who are in the sanctuary and those worshipping from home to partake of the elements together.*

### Prayer after Communion

## The Light

### Scripture

### John 1:1-5

*At the conclusion of the reading, the pastor will carry the Christ candle up the aisle and place it on the table just beyond the sanctuary doors. Beginning with the back pews, worshippers may follow at a safe distance, light their candles from the Christ candle, and follow the pastor outside to spread out to the edges of the parking lot, and be led in singing "Silent Night." The service will conclude outside. (In case of inclement weather, further directions will be given.)*

### Hymn

### Silent Night, Holy Night

### STILLE NACHT

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! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

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 night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

### Benediction

### Response

### Joy to the World!

### 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.

# To Carry a Dream



To carry a dream  
Is to walk at night,  
Or to walk by light,  
But with a pebble in your shoe.

To carry a dream is to  
Wake at night  
To wake and blink twice,  
In case you see something new.

To carry a dream  
Is to plant trees in old age,  
To be a part of a church,  
That is human and frayed.

To carry a dream is foolish and wild  
It's the faith of a child,  
Wishing on stars.

But to carry a dream is also hopeful and wise,  
The faith of our elders,  
Saying God will provide.

So may we walk  
Until we see the light.  
May the pebble in our shoe  
Remind us why we fight.  
May they say  
We are foolish and unwise,  
And may we continue to dream;  
May hope keep us alive.

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