

New St. James Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Christmas Eve Family Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

* please stand, if able

Prelude *In Dulci Jubilo* German Carol (14th Century);
arr. M. Dupré (1886-1971)

Antiphon *Gloria!* T. Chiles (2012)
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis deo! (Glory to God in the Highest!)

* **Hymn** *Angels from the realms of glory (Regent Square)* **146**

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle - PWS&D Liturgy
(read by the McNair-Family) see insert

Anthem *Lead Me Back To Bethlehem* P. Choplin (©2013)
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight! Lead me back to Bethlehem, let me stay a while. I want to feel the holy peace as Mary holds her Child. I want to feel the peace again; lead me back to Bethlehem. Lead me back to Bethlehem; I want to feel the joy of shepherds shouting in the night to celebrate the Boy. I want to feel the joy again; lead me back to Bethlehem. I've been there many times before, but this time how I yearn to feel the joy, the peace and love. O help me to return, come, help me to return. Lead me back to Bethlehem; my weary spirit needs to see the star of Holy Light and follow where it leads. I want to see the star again; lead me back to Bethlehem.

Prayer

Scripture Luke 2: 1-20 **pg. 58 in N.T.**

* **Hymn** *Silent Night (Stille Nacht)* **154**

Solo *The Gift* J. Schultz (1747-1800); arr. Wm. Cutter (©1992)
Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano; Lesley Harris, flute

O come little children, O come, one and all. O come to the cradle in Bethlehem's stall. Come see what has happened this holiest of nights, come gaze on the Gift from the Father of Might! How sweetly He lies in His bed made of straw. As Mary and Joseph behold Him in awe! The shepherds are kneeling before His poor bed, while caroling angels are heard overhead. O come, join the shepherds and on bended knee give thanks to the Father for Jesus, our King. O lift up your voices and join in the praise the angels from heaven to the Father now raise. O come, little children, o come, one and all. O come to the cradle in Bethlehem's stall. Come see what has happened this holiest of nights. Come gaze on the Gift from the Father of Might!

Christmas Tableau The King's Birthday

During the tableau the following hymns will be sung. We invite the congregation to please join in. Please remain seated.

Hymn "The first noel" **136**

Hymn "Away in a manger" **149**

Hymn "Joy to the world" **153**

Solo in the Pageant *O Holy Night* A. Adam (1803-1856)
Jordan De Sousa, baritone

Hymn "We three kings" **173**

Hymn "Hark the herald angels sing" **139**

Offering and Offertory *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice (In Dulci Jubilo)*
H. Shroeder (1904-1984)

(Christmas offering envelopes in the pew racks)

Dedication of Offering

