



An Order of Worship for Christmas Eve
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
December 24, 2017



We Gather to Worship the One Who Is Coming

PRELUDE *"In dulci jublio"* Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau
"Noël provençal" Léon Roques
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

INTROIT
CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

+HYMN NO. 21 **"All My Heart This Night Rejoices"**
(+Those who are able may stand.) WARUM SOLLT' ICH



WELCOME

We Approach the Birth in Word and Song

First Lesson
 Scripture Isaiah 61:1-3
 Hymn No. 41 **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** ADESTE FIDELIS

Second Lesson
 Anthem **"Arise, Shine"** Daniel Moe
 Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7

Third Lesson
 Scripture Isaiah 7:13-14; 11:1-6
 Hymn No. 48 **"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"** ES IST EIN' ROS'

Fourth Lesson
 Scripture Luke 1:26-38
 Anthem **"Night of Silence"** Daniel Kantor

Fifth Lesson
 Scripture Matthew 1:18-25
 Hymn No. 44 **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** ST. LOUIS



Sixth Lesson
 Scripture Luke 2:1-7
 Hymn No. 25 **"Away in a Manger"** MUELLER
 Anthem **"Who Would Send a Baby?"** Mary Kay Beall

Seventh Lesson
 Scripture Luke 2:8-12
 Anthem **"Silent Night, Silent World"** Sally K. Albrecht & Jay Althouse
 Scripture Luke 2:13-14
 Hymn No. 31 **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** MENDELSSOHN

Eighth Lesson
 Scripture Matthew 2:1-11
 Hymn No. 53 **"What Child Is This"** GREENSLEEVES

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

Offering
 Anthem **"Be a Gift to a World in Need"** Allen Pote

+A DOXOLOGY (to the tune GLORIA)
To the God of Love we sing, to the Son let praises ring,
To the Holy Spirit raise this our song of grateful praise:
Glo - - ria in excelsis Deo! Glo - - ria in excelsis Deo!

Prayer of Dedication

Ninth Lesson
 Scripture John 1:1-14
 Hymn No. 56 **"The First Nowell"** (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6) THE FIRST NOWELL

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer ("debts" and "debtors")
The Communion



The congregation is invited to come forward by the center aisle to receive communion, then receive a candle at the head of a side aisle and move into a great circle around the perimeter of the sanctuary.



+CAROL

“Silent 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.

We Go Out in Joy

+CAROL

“Joy to the World!”

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King.
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room, and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground:
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

Hugo Gehrke



STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

December 24, 2017 ~ Christmas Eve ~ 7:00 p.m.



*The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ,
engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow
as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.*

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