

RECESSIONAL HYMN

At this time the ushers will dismiss the congregation. Please extinguish your candle before leaving your pew.

1. It came upon a midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.
3. But with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man at war with man hears not
The love song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!
4. And ye, beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way,
With painful steps and slow,
Look now; for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing!
5. For, lo! The days are hastening on by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold:
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

POSTLUDE

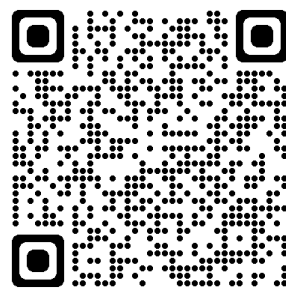
Joy to The World

—arr. Henry Balcombe

Thank You For Joining Us On Christmas Eve

We're glad you joined us on this special night. To make a contribution to our friends at Emergency Infant Services, you can put it in the offering plate. Or, you can text **allsoulstulsa** to **73256** or scan the QR Code provided.

If you're considering a gift to All Souls, you can also designate a portion to the church Operating Fund.



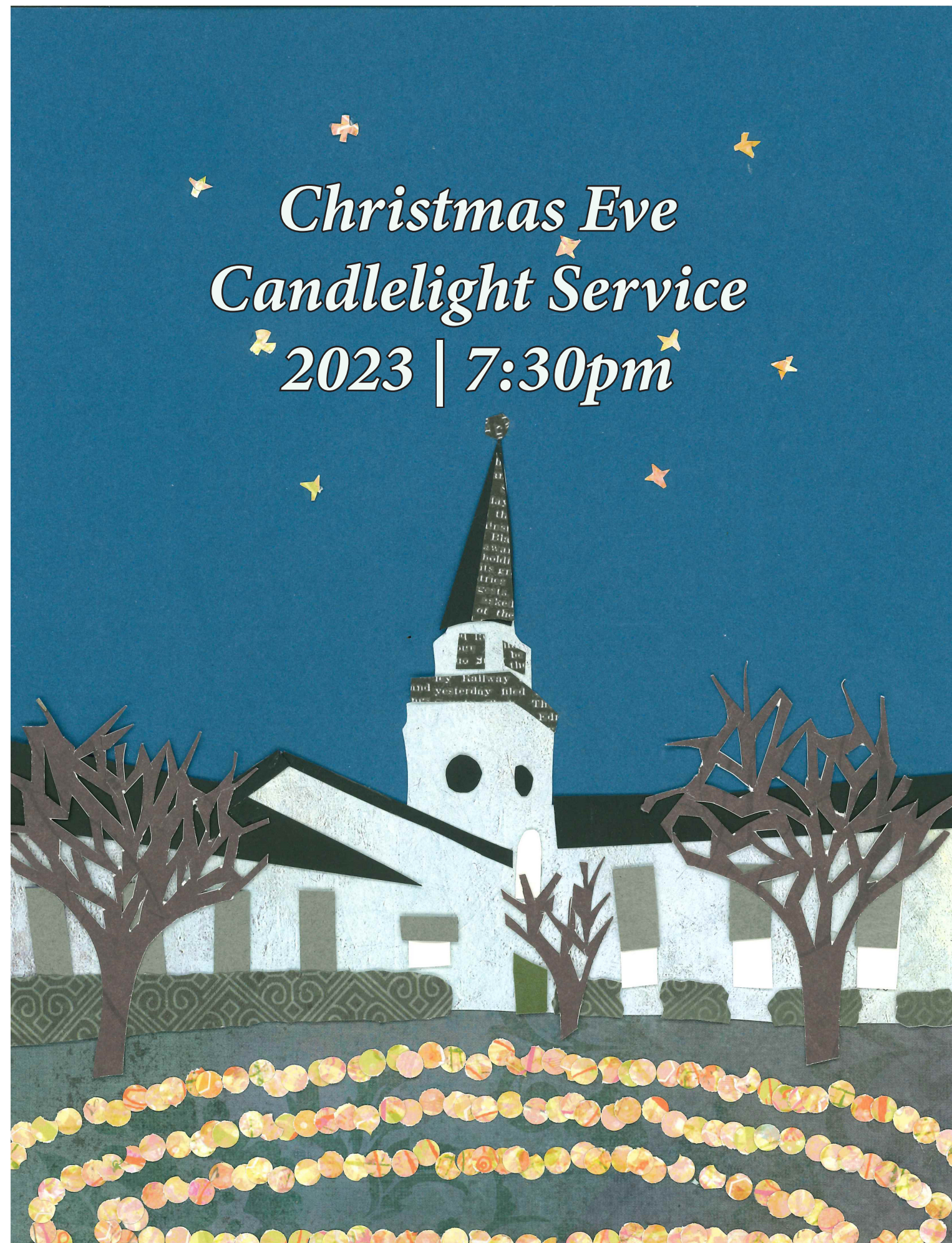
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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Congregation is standing)

- Joy to the World! The Lord is come Let earth receive her king:
Let every heart prepare him room And heaven and nature sing.** (Repeat twice)
- Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy.** (Repeat twice)
- He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love.** (Repeat twice)

INTROIT & INVOCATION

Rev. Randy Lewis

HYMN (Congregation is seated)

- The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds, in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the king of Israel.**
- They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the king of Israel.**
- And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the king of Israel.**

THE FIRST READING

Luke 2:1-20
Shannon Boston

HYMN (Congregation is seated)

- O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light:
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.**
- For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King and peace to men on earth.**
- How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.**

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 2:1-15

OFFERING

Rev. Gerald Davis

OFFERTORY

I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day —Traditional
Annie Ellicott, soloist
The All Souls Christmas Eve offering will go to Emergency Infant Services.
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THE MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Marlin Lavanhar

ANTHEMS

Estrella Brillante —Mexican Carol,
Youth Choir arr. Nancy Grundahl
Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming —Praetorius
Youth Choir & Alumni

THE CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE

CAUTION: When lighting candles, be sure to *tip your unlit* candle toward the lit candle.

- 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!**

