

D O N E G A L  
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Christmas Eve



The Promise Fulfilled, Emmanuel,  
God with Us

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*A Festival of Lessons & Carols*

PRELUDE "The First Noel" (5:00 p.m.) *arr. by Chip Davis*  
"Away in the Manger" (5:00 p.m.) *arr. by Chip Davis*  
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (5:00 p.m.) *Mae Hogan Cox*  
"Pastoral Symphony 'Pifa'" (8:00 p.m.) *G.F. Handel*  
"The Wexford Carol" (8:00 p.m.) *arr. Gilbert Martin*  
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (8:00 p.m.) *Mae Hogan Cox*

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: CELEBRATION

Tom & Ginny Labagh, 5:00 p.m.

Tom Hagan & Carl Lori, 8:00 p.m.

LESSON OF THE LIGHT

John 1:1-5

\*HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1 & 2)" #133

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O com 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!
- 2 True God from true God, Light from light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
very God, begotten, not created!  
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come let us adore him; Christ, the Lord!

1<sup>st</sup> LESSON OF PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

HYMN "Joy to the World" (v. 1, 3-4) #134

- 1 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.
- 3 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, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> LESSON OF PROPHECY Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9

HYMN "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (v. 1, 4-5) #123

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their haps of gold:  
"Peace on earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King:"  
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing."
- 4 And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose form 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 prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendor fling,  
and the whole world give back the song, which now the angels  
sing.

LESSON OF THE ANNUNCIATION Luke 1:26-38

HYMN "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (v. 1 & 2) #129

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
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.
- 2 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.

LESSON OF THE DREAM Matthew 1:18-24

HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v. 1 & 4) #121

- 1 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.
- 4 O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

LESSON OF THE BIRTH Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM "What Gift Can I Bring" *Miller & Reynolds*

\*HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" #113

- 1 Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
- 2 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!
- 3 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!

LESSON OF THE MAGI Matthew 2:1-7

HYMN "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (v. 3 & 4) #143

- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations;  
you have seen the natal star:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!
- 4 All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!

LESSON OF THE ANGELS Luke 2:8-14

HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (v. 1 & 3) #119

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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!"
- 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of  
righteousness!  
Light and life to all he bring, 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!"

LESSON OF THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:15-20

ANTHEM "Night of All Nights"

Stephen Jones

HYMN "The First Noel" (v. 1 & 4)

#147

- 1 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.
- 4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Rev. Matthew D. Randolph

HYMN "What Child Is This"

#145

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Who angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are  
keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels  
sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!
- 2 Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall piece him through; the cross be borne for me, for  
you.  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come one and all, to own  
him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

OFFERTORY "In Quiet Joy"

Marcel Dupre

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#606

\*BRINGING THE LIGHT TO GOD'S PEOPLE

[Please tip your unlit candle to receive the flame from an usher or the person next to you. ALWAYS HOLD LIT CANDLES UPRIGHT. The candle should be extinguished as soon as the service ends.]

\*HYMN "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Bulletin

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Hallelujah" (5:00 p.m.)

arr. Chip Davis

"Come and Thank Him" (8:00 p.m.)

J.S. Bach

\*All those who are able may stand.

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*Thank you for worshiping with us tonight!*

*We would love to see you again!*

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be found at [www.donegalpc.org](http://www.donegalpc.org).*

# 122 Silent Night, Holy Night!

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round you vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and  
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing  
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.



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*would like to wish you and your family a very  
 Merry Christmas!*