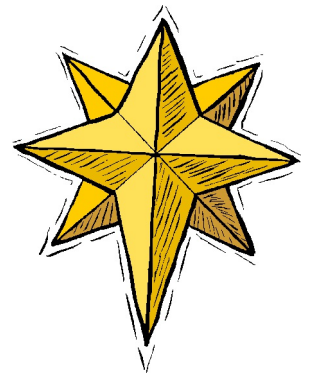


DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 Sycamore Street
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Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2022

3:30 p.m., Sanctuary

(*please stand, as you are able)

Prelude

Mr. Mc

Call to Worship

Pastor Emily

**Carol*

Joy to the World

**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.
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.**

Candle Lighting

Mari Di Chiara, Garrett, Leo, and Vince Frankford

Leader: A father and a mother find rest in a barn . . .

People: Jesus is coming!

Leader: Angels sing and shepherds run . . .

People: Jesus is coming!

Leader: The stars shone bright and the Wise Men began their journey . . .

People: Jesus is coming!

(Light the Christ Candle)

Leader: This evening, we joyfully light the Christ Candle, remembering the night when God's love came down at the birth of the King. God loves you and me!

People: Jesus is here!

Welcome

Pastor Emily

Christmas Story: Mary and Joseph

Carol

Away in a Manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright 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.**

Christmas Story: Animals, Stars, Angels, and Shepherds

Carol

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching, O'er silent flocks by night.
Behold, through out the heavens There shown a holy light.
Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everyw here.
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!
The shepherds feared and trembles when lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.
Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everyw here.
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

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Christmas Story: Wise Persons

Offering (an offering will be collected for Memorial Drive Ministries,
children return to sit with their families)

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

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!
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!

Christmas Prayer

Pastor Todd

Sharing of the Light

Pastor Tully

**Closing Carol*

Silent Night

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!"

**Blessing*

Pastor Emily

**Postlude*

Joy to the World

Mr. Mc

Merry Christmas!

Reader: Josie Harris
Cast: Grey Evans (Joseph) and Allison Bombardier (Mary)
Matt McMahan, *Minister of Music (Choirmaster & Organist)*
Rev. Emily Wilmesherr, *Associate Pastor for Inter-Generational & Caring Ministries*
Lori McMahan, *Director of Children's Music Ministry*
Rev. Dr. Todd Speed, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Tully Fletcher, *Associate Pastor for Youth & Congregational Transformation*