

Silent Night, Holy Night Pg 134

*(During the candle lighting, Lynne Bradley will play once,
then all join in singing)*

**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.

**2) 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.

**3) Silent night, holy night, Child of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from your holy face
bring the dawn of redeeming grace;**

Jesus Christ at your birth, Jesus Christ at your birth.

Benediction



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United Church of the Valley

December 24, 2009 11:00 PM The Community House



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Lynne Bradley, Harp

Larry Elwood, Piano

Prelude

Lynne Bradley, Harp

Welcome

Larry Elwood, Moderator

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Pg 116

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Child of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**7) O come, Desire of Nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
Make envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
fill the whole world with heav-en's peace....
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

A hope and a promise...

Isaiah 9:2-7

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming Pg 127

(Lynne Bradley will play once, then all join in singing)

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem has sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung.
It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.**

2) Isaiah had foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love a-right, she bore to us a savior,
when half spent was the night.

They travel to Bethlehem... Luke 2:1-5
...and the baby is born... Luke 2:6-7

O Little Town of Bethlehem Pg 133

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see you lie!
Above your deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in your dark streets shines forth the everlasting light,
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in you tonight.

2) For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together, proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing, and voices ring with peace to all on earth.

The shepherds get the news... Luke 2:8-14

The First Nowell Pg 139

The first Nowell, 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.

Refrain: Nowell (4 times), born in the manger, Emmanuel

2) They looked above 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.... (*Refrain*)

4) This star shone bright in the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it seemed to rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.... (*Refrain*)

The shepherds go to Bethlehem... Luke 2:15-20

Away in a Manger Pg 124

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2) 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 cradle till morning is nigh.

Heaven and Nature Sing...

Psalm 96

The Cosmic Christmas Story

Larry Elwood

Joy to the World! Pg 132

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth its praises bring;
Let every heart prepare Christ room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Wolfe Family

Unison response:

We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives, and in
God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth—born
of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult ministry, in
all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God; his
voice undimmed by the Centuries; his call and his promise as
clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago. Come to us,
Lord Jesus; Be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds,
our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us. And lead
us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us.
Amen.

Spreading the Light of Christ into the World

(Tip your **un-lit candle** toward the one with the flame. Allow the
person beside you to light their candle from yours until all are lit.)