

WHITE MEMORIAL
— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —



Children's Christmas Eve Bell Service
December 24, 2025

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** Please rise in body or spirit.*

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3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

*Bells have long been used at Christmas to announce the good news of the birth of Christ.
In this service, all ages can participate in the ringing of bells to express the joy of Christmas.*

Introit The Little Road to Bethlehem

by Michael Head

As I walked down the road at set of sun, the lambs were coming homewards, one by one,
I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them along the little road to Bethlehem.
Beside an open door, as I drew nigh, I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby.
She sang about the lambs at close of day and rocked her tiny King among the hay.
Across the air the silver sheep-bell rang, "The lambs are coming home," sweet Mary sang.
"Your Star of gold, your Star of gold is shining in the sky, so sleep, my little King, go lullaby."
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Children's Choirs

Welcome to Worship

Genevieve Brooks

Bell Ringing

*Hymn 134 Joy to the World, stanzas 1 and 2 (with bells)

ANTIOCH

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.

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.

Prayer

Lynn Springfield

Christmas Pageant

Introduction
The Story

Jennifer Eastman
The Renbarger Family

Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem

Hymn 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem, stanza 1

ST. LOUIS

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.

Jesus is Born

Anthem Each Little Lamb

by Diane Beckstead

Children's Choirs

He watches over each little lamb and holds them in the palm of his hand.
With love, the shepherd cares for his sheep, by day or night, awake and asleep.
Away in a manger no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Angels Announce the Birth and Shepherds Go to the Stable

Hymn 147 The First Nowell, *verses 1 and 2*

THE FIRST NOWELL

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.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, 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.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Shepherds Leave to Share the Good News

Hymn 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, *stanzas 1 and 3*

MENDELSSOHN

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!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, 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!"

Offering

Hymn 122 Silent Night, *stanzas 1 and 2*

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!"

Christmas Blessing

***Hymn 136** Go, Tell It on the Mountain, *verse 1 and refrain (with bells)*

GO TELL IT

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 throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light.
Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Postlude Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

arr. Wilbur Held

The offering this afternoon goes to Christmas Share to support community and global missions. Our offerings support children and youth at risk, families in crisis, those who are in danger of not having enough food to eat, and those not living in adequate housing. Our global mission partners share the good news of the gospel in Haiti, the Middle East and Poland.

Restrooms are located at the entrance to the front of the sanctuary on the Oberlin Road side. Additional restrooms are located in the Luther Building immediately behind the Sanctuary beyond the Jane Bell Gathering Space.

Welcome visitors! For more information about White Memorial or membership, please call Elizabeth Viohl at 919-834-3424, ext. 206.



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