

Christmas Eve

ELIZABETHTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
December 24, 2024, 7 p.m.

Gathering Music

A Cradle in Bethlehem, arr. by Evan and Phil Wickam
Angels from the Realms of Glory, arr. by Sandra Eithun
O Little Town of Bethlehem, arr. by George E. Strombeck

Welcome

The Birth of Jesus

Special Music

Away in a Manger, arr. by Sandra Eithun

*Call to Worship

Luke 2:1-7

Lighting the Advent Candle of Christ

Special Music

O come, O Come, Emmanuel, arr. by George E. Strombeck

Invocation Prayer

The Angels

Scripture

Luke 2:8-14

*Hymn

Angels we have heard on high, #197

Children's Time

Carol

Away in a Manger
verse 1

Special Music

Winds of Peace, Readers: Jim Beckwith and David Leiter

Christmas Eve Prayer

Response Song

Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets
see page 3 and 4

Offering Reflection

Offertory

Still, Still, Still

The Shepherds

Scripture	Luke 2:15-20
Reflection	"Love knows your name," Naomi Kraenbring
Candle Lighting	Silent night, #193
*Hymn	Joy to the world, #318 verse 1 and 4
*Benediction	
Sending Music	<i>Joy to the world</i>

**Please rise as able*

Participants in worship today

Vocalists and Instrumentalists: Greg, Micah, Kara, and Jonah Bidgood Enders, Alex Mora, Alex Heinz, Gerry Baer, Jeff Eisenbise, JulieAnn Keith, Pat Gerlach, Jim Beckwith, Sarah Heinz, Rachel Bucher Swank, Kim Glass, Susan Kenderdine, Leah Antolin

Bell Choir: Amy Schreiber, JulieAnn Keith, Kristen Siler, Jim Hollinger, Ray Powell, John Goldfus

Adult Choir Conductor: Micah Bidgood Enders

Please visit sanctifiedart.org to learn more about the visuals and some worship elements used for this Advent season.

Welcome, families! Nursery care is available for children up to age 2, and our Shine program cares for children ages 3 through pre-K. Kids' Club, for grades K-3, exits the sanctuary after Children's Time until the end of the worship service.

Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets

SINGING JOY TO THE WORLD 7.5.8.7.8.6 with refrain

G



1 Sol - emn still - ness— wea - ry streets strain to grasp the
 2 We are shep-herds in the fields, watch - ing in the
 3 Crush - ing fears are met with joy; sor - row's curse is

F

C



sound. In the qui - et breathes an an - them o - ver
 night. We are mor - tals, we are bear - ers, search - ing
 torn. Hear the mu - sic, fling your load down, and un -

A m

G

C



dark and thorn - y ground. Rocks and plains re - peat the
 for a per - fect light. Hur - ry, hur - ry! Sing the
 bend your tir - ed form. These bright hours cir - cle

A m

G

D

C



ech - o; splen - dor floods the star - lit morn. We are won - ders,
 glo - ry! Bring the gold and bit - ter myrrh of our car - ols:
 round us, let the gen - tle wings un - furl. Swift and sweet - ly

A m

G

D

G



bles - ed won - ders, sing - ing joy to the world. (to verse 2)
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing - ing joy to the world. (to refrain)
 down the road - side, sing - ing joy to the world. (to refrain)

Refrain

C Am7 G D

2 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Joy to the world! We are
 3 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Joy to the world! Swift and

2 Joy to the world! (Joy!) Joy to the world!
 3 Joy to the world! (Joy!) Joy to the world!

C Am G/D D7 G

won - ders, bless - ed won - ders, sing - ing joy to the world.
 sweet - ly down the road - side, sing - ing joy to the world.

Won - ders, sing - ing joy to the world.
 Swift and sweet - ly joy to the world.

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