



Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24, 2017

11:00 a.m.

*“God has given us eternal life,
and this life is in his Son.”*

Prelude on *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* by Dennis Janzer

Gathering as the Children of God John Allen

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of love. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us! (1 John 3:1)

This is how God showed His love: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9)

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All will know that you are my disciples if you love one another. (John 13:34-35)

† Carol No. 41 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7 John Allen
Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by the prophet Isaiah.

Carol No. 38 *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”*

Second Lesson Micah 5:2-5a Malinda Holmes
The prophet Micah foretells the glory of the small town of Bethlehem.

Carol No. 49 *“Once in Royal David's City”*

Third Lesson Luke 1:26-38 Donna Martin
The angel Gabriel visits Mary.

Carol No. 27 *“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”*

Fourth Lesson Matthew 1:18-25 Rev. Ricardo Green
An angel visits Joseph.

Carol No. 43 *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

Fifth Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Tom Rounds
Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.

Anthem *“All is Well incorporating Silent Night, Holy Night”* arr. by Bruce Greer
Featuring Brooke Shirley and Cathy Austin, Flute

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Ann Addison

A multitude of angels praise God and the shepherds go to Bethlehem.

† Carol No. 31

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Christmas Reading

“The Christmas Pageant”

Elizabeth Small

from *The Good News from North Haven: A Year in the Life of a Small Town*

by Michael Lindvall

Offering and Family Promise Offering

Elizabeth Small

Offertory

“Advent Medley”

by TJ Shirley

Featuring TJ Shirley, Ross Mielke, trumpets

Maggie Shirley, French Horn

Dan Reagan, Trombone

John Hibbard, Tuba

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Green

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

† Carol No. 40

“Joy to the World”

† Benediction

Elizabeth Small

† Postlude

“Noël X: Grand Jeu et Duo”

by Louis-Claude Daquin

† Those who are able, please stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who are worshiping with us on this Christmas Eve. On this sacred day, remember in prayer all those who are near and dear to you, and all others in need. The Pastoral Families and Staff Members of Mount Vernon join in wishing you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Christmas Eve Offering is for Family Promise of North Fulton/DeKalb. Family Promise provides shelter to homeless families in the area through a network of 13 Christian and Jewish congregations. It assists the families in finding permanent housing, jobs and other social services. You can donate online on our church website (www.mvpchurch.org) or place your gift in the offering plate. Thank you for your continued support!

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? You are invited to worship with us on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (contemporary) or 11:00 a.m. (traditional).

A NURSERY is located in the lower level of the North Wing, Room 120. Please ask an usher for directions.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed December 25th and 26th.



Merry Christmas!