

Loveland Presbyterian Church
A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2018

Welcome

Prelude

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella”

“Ding Dong! Merrily on High”

arr., John Leavitt

Processional Hymn

Choir: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Congregation: Sing to the Lord all the earth.

Liturgist: Sing to the Lord and bless God’s holy name.

Congregation: Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Lighting the Candle of Christ

Pastor: Tonight, the season of Advent draws to a close, so we light this candle as a sign that the long-awaited light of Christ has arrived into our lives. Let us, therefore, open the eyes of our heart and have our minds illumined because, in the words of the Prophet Isaiah, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!”

**Congregation: God of hope, God of promise, into our darkness, come!
(Light the Candle of Christ)**

Hymn #53

“What Child Is This”

Offering

Invitation

Offertory: “On Christmas Night”

comp., Pete Carlson
Shelby Flynn, *soloist*

Response: Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Intercession

Lessons and Carols: A Celebration of the Nativity of Christ

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

arr. J. S. Bach (1734)
Tyler Smith, *soloist*

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Choir: “Creator of the Stars at Night”

9th century hymn

Isaiah 11: 1-4, 6-9

Choir: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

arr., Praetorius (1609)

Isaiah 40:1-5

Carol #40: “Joy to the World”

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Ensemble: “Mary, Did You Know?”

arr., Roger Emerson

Luke 2:1-7

Carol #44 (1,3,4): “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Choir: “In the Bleak Midwinter”

comp., Gustav Holst (1906)

Luke 2:8-16

Carol #23: “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Matthew 2:1-11

Carol #56 (1,2,4): “The First Nowell”

John 1:1-14

Carol #28: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Carol: #60 “Silent Night, Holy Night”

(At verse 3, under direction from the ushers, all worshippers depart with their candles, taking the light of Christ into the world.)



We invite you to join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 am
Childcare is available and Sunday School is offered during worship

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Christmas Eve
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**A Celebration of the
Nativity of Christ**