Welcome Inn!
December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve Pageant

PRELUDE – Angels we Have Heard on High - Traditional French Carol/are Barnes Liang-Fang Chang

WELCOME

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Lexie and Allen Zachary

MUSICAL RESPONSE – O Come, All Ye Faithful - Wade

THE PROPHECY – *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CHRISTMAS OFFERING** – Do You Hear What I Hear? - Regney/Shayne

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THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Mary and Joseph Come to Bethlehem - Luke 2:1-7

*What Child Is This?* - Dix/English Melody
Sarah Bogdan/Violin

Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, The Inn Keeper

The Angels Announce Christ’s Birth - Luke 2:8-14

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing!* - Wesley/Mendelssohn
Felix Baer/Viola

The Choir of Angels

The Shepherds Visit the Manger - Luke 2:15-20

*The First Noel* - Traditional English Carol
Liang-Fang Chang/Piano

The Shepherds

The Magi Follow the Star - Matthew 2:1-11

*We Three Kings* - Hopkins
Julian Jendrock/Violin

The Three Magi

We Adore the Christ - John 1: 1-5, 14

MUSICAL RESPONSE – *Silent Night, Holy Night* - Mohr/Gruber

THE INVITATION TO THE MANGER: Wagons will come down each aisle to receive your manger gifts for the Domestic Violence Crisis Center of Norwalk. Please pass your gifts down the row to the aisle.

Christmas Medley
Liang-Fang Chang, Organist
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: God-with-us: Like the shepherds and wise ones of old, we come bearing gifts. Bless these gifts and all those who will receive them. Let them give comfort and strength to women and children in need of care and courage this night.

All: May these gifts be symbols of our devotion to You, and signs of hope for all those fleeing violence or seeking shelter. We pray in the name of the Child born in a Bethlehem barn. Amen.

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

Carol: Joy to the World!

The Congregation

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 world! 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.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Children will recess to the education wing during the carol.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Angels We Have Heard on High, Refrain

PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you depart.

Go in peace and joy, to share the Good News of Love’s birth!

* All scripture readings come from the Common English Bible translation.

**This year’s special Christmas collection at the 5 pm and 9 pm Christmas Eve services will go to local agencies under the guidance of the Missions Board. Your support will help people reclaim their lives, their dignity and their hope. Thank you.
Manger Gifts: Gratitude to Saugatuck Nursery School for lending red wagons for tonight’s collection! Thanks to everyone who brought gifts for the Norwalk Domestic Violence Center.

Need help? Confidential Domestic Violence Hot Line: 1-888-774-2900

Thank you to:
Tonight’s musicians, singers, pageant participants, and all the angels and shepherds that make SCC a joy-filled place!

Alyssa-Anne Kelly and Luke Kelly (children of Kitty Coyne, Director of Children’s Ministry) for playing the Holy Family.

Joan Cavanaugh and Kitty Coyne for coordinating tonight’s pageant.

The Bogdan family for hanging the stars that adorn our sanctuary.

The Cross family for installing the wreaths and candles.

Worship Leaders:
Rev. Alison J. Buttrick Patton, Pastor
Kitty Coyne, Director of Children’s Ministry
Liang-Fang Chang, Interim Worship Accompanist
Susie Benton, Music Leader and Soloist
Julia Taylor, Music Leader and Soloist
Natalie Owens-Pike, Ministry Intern

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The Christmas Season Continues:

December 26 - Join us for a simple Christmas worship with music, reflection and carols, led by Rev. Alison Patton.

January 2 - Rev. Willie Salmond, preaching: Join Rev. Salmond and deacon Nancy Wargo for a worship service to greet the New Year.

January 9 - An All-Ages Epiphany Worship: We will tell the story of the magi who went looking for the Christ child, featuring an all-ages cast in On the Road to Bethlehem.

Youth and Children:

8th / 9th Grade Confirmation will meet on January 9 and January 23, 6 - 8 pm. Contact Kim Mathias at kim@mathias.org for information.

Middle School Youth Group will meet on January 11 and 25 from 6 - 7 pm in Youth Room.

The High School Youth Group meets weekly, beginning Wednesday, January 5, from 7-8:30 pm in Hoskins Hall. All are welcome… bring a friend!

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