"Please stand as you are able.
Text in bold is said in unison

Behold

**PRELUDE**

Sonata in C
Andante — Adagio — Allegro
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Jan McDonald and Jim Toevs, trumpets

**WELCOME**

> **CAROL 133**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* (verses 1 and 3)

> **CALL to WORSHIP: ISAIAH 9:6**

For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

> **CHRISTMAS EVE LITANY**

God of this holy night,
We were heavy with sorrow, but joy interrupted.
We were deep in the night, but a star appeared.
We were silent with sadness, but the heavens rang.

And the splendor shone around them when the time had fully come.
We were hardened by conflict, but love intervened.
We were frightened by shadows, but light took them away.
We were haunted by fears, but a child brought us hope.

And she laid him in a manger when the time had fully come.
We were dismal and defeated, but faith set us on fire.
We were weary and complaining, but our hearts discovered praise.
We were doubtful and confused, but a door to life was opened.

And the guiding star went before them when the time had fully come.
The time is here. Let us rejoice!

**Amen.**

> **CAROL 129**

*Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming* (verse 1)
LESSON
Isaiah 11:1-3a; 6-9a

ANTHEM
All Bells in Paradise
Chancel Choir
by John Rutter

LESSON
Luke 2:1-14

→ CAROL 113
Angels We Have Heard on High (verses 1 and 2)

LESSON
Luke 2:15–20

ANTHEM
O Magnum Mysterium
Chancel Choir
by Morten Lauridsen

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→ CAROL 119
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (verses 1 and 3)

CHRISTMAS PRAYER
Sleep of the Infant Jesus
by Henri Büsser

THE OFFERING
David Ponder, harp, and Ari Le, viola

→ RESPONSE CAROL 138
Who Would Think That What Was Needed (verse 1)

SOLO
Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella
Travis Bregier, baritone
Traditional Provençal Carol
arr. by David W. Beatty

→ LIGHTING of the CANDLES
We light our candles during the singing of this carol.
Silent Night, Holy Night! (verses 1 through 4)

→ The BLESSING

→ CAROL 122
Joy to the World (verse 1)
Sonata in D
by Petronio Franceschini

POSTLUDE
Grave—Allegro—Adagio—Allegro
Jan McDonald and Jim Toevs, trumpets

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Rev. Andrew Black

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David Beatty, Associate Musician
Travis Bregier, Assistant Choir Director
Chancel Choir
Jan McDonald, trumpet
Jim Toevs, trumpet
David G. Ponder, harp
Ari Le, viola

Sunday Services
MorningSong 8:30AM • Pope Hall
8:30AM • Pope Hall
(Sooft op Garden in summer)
Traditional 11:00AM • Sanctuary

Morning Prayer
Wednesdays 7:00AM • McFarland Chapel

Celtic EvenSong
Wednesdays 5:30PM • Sanctuary

TGIF Concerts
Fridays 5:30PM • Sanctuary