

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2021 | 7:00 & 9:00 pm

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* | arr. David Lanz  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* | arr. Wil Smith  
*Angels We Have Heard on High* | arr. Barlow Bradford

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

"Good news of great joy,"  
the angel said,  
"for to you a savior is born."  
"Peace on earth,"  
the choir sang,  
"for God reigns in the highest."  
"Follow me,"  
the star beckoned,  
"for Hope was born in Bethlehem."

As we light the Christ candle,  
**we watch for the Christmas story around us.**  
Emmanuel has come and is coming.  
**Come, all ye faithful, and worship God.**

\***CAROL** *O Come All Ye Faithful* | arr. Dan Forrest

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

**O God most joyful, we praise and worship you, for you came in silence, while all lay sleeping, to enter our world. On this night of expectant wonder, we tread again the path to Bethlehem and to the child whose birth was heralded by prophets, proclaimed by angels, and welcomed by shepherds. Open our eyes to see in that infant your loving purposes, and stir up within us the spirit of adoring praise. Embracing God, in the quietness of this hour, touch our understanding with your Holy Spirit, that we may know again in true reality the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ; and though there was no room in Bethlehem's inn, help us to make room in the busy-ness of the world, in our daily life, that our lives may show Christ's love, and our hearts receive Christ's peace. Amen.**

\***CAROL** *Joy to the World* | arr. Wil Smith

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 1:26-35, 38

**ANTHEM** *O Come Emmanuel* | Elaine Hagenberg

Luke 2:1-7

**ANTHEM** *Donkey Carol* | John Rutter

Luke 2:8-12

**CAROL** *The First Noel* | arr. Wil Smith

Luke 2:13-16

**ANTHEM** *Ding Dong Merrily on High* | arr. Mack Wilberg

Luke 2:17-20

**HARP SOLO** *A Day in a Manger* | Murray, arr. Kathy Bundock Moore

**MESSAGE** *The Angels Always Say...* | The Rev. Katie Robb Davis

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\***CAROL** *The Snow Lay on the Ground* | arr. Wil Smith

### CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* | arr. Dan Forrest

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## PASSING OF THE LIGHT

*Pass the light from one to another, keeping the burning candle upright.*

\***CAROL** *Silent Night* | arr. Dan Forrest

### \*BLESSING

\***POSTLUDE** *Silent Night* | arr. Ola Gjeilo

### Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Katie Robb Davis, Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr., Pastor  
Kiersten Hill, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries  
The Kok Family (7 pm), the Elliott Family (9 pm), Advent Candle Lighters  
Christine Gaudreau, Director of Music and Worship Arts  
Wil Smith, Organist  
Patrick Lee, Pianist  
Matthew Plenk, tenor soloist  
Steve Cearley, Bill Davis, Doug Kemper & Don Harlacher, Production

### WELLSHIRE SANCTUARY CHOIR

SOPRANO	ALTO	TENOR	BASS
Ashley Brown	Deby Brown	Doug Caldwell	John Adams
Ava Campbell	Priscilla Adams	Jason Casey	Karl Allen
Colleen Campbell	Debby Caine	Benjamin Johnson	Don Bergee
Mary Christ	Martha Cearley	Adam Kinney	Scott Campbell
Katy Fink-Johnson	Linda Dey	Matt Kok	Russ Gregory
Lindsey Kinney	Lauren Graham	Tom Milligan	Harvey Hoogstrate
Kiera Latta	Nancy Gregory	Matt Plenk	Nicholas Johnson
Susan Lewkow	Delci Lutes	Brendan Schuster	Buck Latta
Tessa McQueen	Allison McQueen	Ken Zimmerman	Flynn Latta
Sara Michael	Tegan Palmer		Paul Munch
Jennifer Rich	Sara Pascoe		Max Pascoe
Rachel Rosen	Amy Ruby		Jim Quinn
Norika Zehnder			

### WELLSHIRE ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN 1	VIOLIN 2	VIOLA
Naomi Smith, Concertmaster	Michelle Davis	Summer Rhodes
Brad Watson	Gyongyi Petheo	Loryn Gorsett
Lydia Sviatlovskaya	Dorothy Crow-Willard	Don Schumacher
Takanori Sugishita	Phyllis Carlson, Orchestra Manager	
Therese Baker		<b>FLUTE</b> Paul Nagem Cora Crisman
	<b>BASS</b> Ben Greene	
<b>CELLO</b> Jeff Watson Charles Lee	<b>CLARINET</b> Michelle Orman April Johannesen	<b>SOPRANO SAXOPHONE</b> April Johannesen
<b>OBOE</b> Miriam Kapner	<b>FRENCH HORN</b> Becky Wilkins	<b>BASSOON</b> Ethan Turner
<b>HARP</b> Tonya Jilling	<b>PERCUSSION</b> Mark Foster Paul Day-Lucore Nicole Day-Lucore	<b>TROMBONE</b> Anna Panella
<b>TRUMPET</b> Ross Campbell John Ruby		<b>TUBA</b> Daniel Rosen

*The Wellshire Orchestra for Christmas Eve services was underwritten by the Estate of Dr. Jerrald D. McCollum, former Director of Music at Wellshire Presbyterian Church.*

\* The Congregation is invited to stand. **Bold Print** indicates congregational participation

**Welcome visitors!** Thank you for coming to Wellshire for Christmas Eve. We are glad you're here.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the usher's table.

**We'd Love to be in Touch!**

If this is your first visit or you need to update your contact information, please fill in this form. Tear off this panel and place it in the offering plate.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Please add my email address to the weekly eNewsletter list.

OR, point your smartphone camera at the QR code to the right and fill out the short Visitor Information Form. We would love to stay in touch with you!



**Carol Sing**

This Sunday, December 26, Wellshire offers one carol singing service at **10:00 am** in the Sanctuary. We hope to see you there, and have a Merry Christmas!

Give Online



**CONTACT**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Membership Exploration Class**

Membership at Wellshire is open to ALL who affirm faith in Jesus Christ! Join the pastors for coffee and an informal information session and get-to-know-you. Sunday, January 23 at 9:45. Those interested in this commitment to faith in community would join in worship on Sunday, January 30. Contact: Rev. Katie Robb Davis at krobbdavis@wpcdenver.org.

**Watch Our Livestream**

Wellshire livestreams services and events to our Facebook and YouTube pages. Follow us on Facebook to participate Sunday mornings from anywhere; facebook.com/wpcdenver.

**Music Opportunities**

All are invited to participate in Wellshire's many musical opportunities including children's choir, youth choir, Celebration Ringers (handbells), contemporary musical groups: Celebration Singers and Confluence, and the Sanctuary Choir (traditional). Contact Christine Gaudreau at cgaudreau@wpcdenver.org.

**Many Ways To Serve**

Service is a vital part of our Christian faith, and there are many opportunities for youth to serve actively in the community and world. Join the Hunger Task Force; support churches, schools, and clinics from Haiti to Zimbabwe, serve a meal at Urban Peak; or contribute items to our food drives for Metro Caring.

**Families & Children**

No matter the ages of your children, there is a place for your family at Wellshire: Parents Day Out, Bible studies, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and fellowship groups. Contact Cindy Moorman at cmoorman@wpcdenver.org.

**Youth**

All 6th through 12th grade students are invited to participate in our youth ministries. Contact Kiersten Hill at khill@wpcdenver.org to learn about opportunities for youth students to grow, serve, and learn together.

**CALENDAR**

- DEC 26** Carol Sing, **ONE worship service, 10:00 am**  
**No Sunday School**
- JAN 23** Membership Exploration Class
- JAN 30** Used Book Sale

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**DECEMBER 24, 2021**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**



**7 & 9**  
**PM**