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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018

7:00 P. M.

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We warmly welcome you to worship today! We are a church of Grace, Hope, and Love in Newberg, inclusive of all people with a heart for those on the margins. May we all be refreshed as we worship the Living God.

INTROIT

A Thousand Candles

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

With quietness, O God,
our hearts stand near the simple stall where the Child is to be born.
For a moment,
the noise of the world is still and the joy of heaven is easily heard.
Be with our worship tonight as the Great Mystery of the birth unfolds.
Let us sense again the reality of the great promise.

“O Holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us ...today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.” Amen

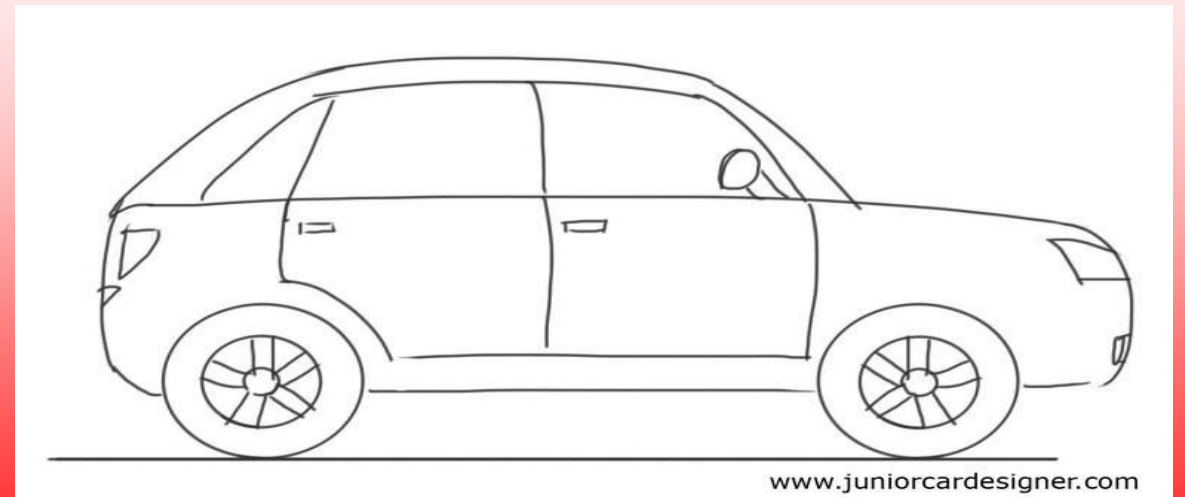
*Song No. 145

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Chris Murphy

Driving Directions

1. Turn Left on North College Street
2. Turn Left onto East Edgewood Dr
3. Turn Right onto N Main Street
- destination will be 279ft on the left hand side



Join Us at the McCourts

We have all been invited to the McCourts after the service for fellowship, fun and board games.

Potato Bar is provided. Feel free to bring a Potluck item to share.

The McCourt's address is:
3119 N Main St
Newberg, Or 97132
503-538-2042

THE INVITATION TO WORSHIP GOD

L: The wilderness shall be glad, and the desert shall blossom.

C: And all flesh shall see God's majesty and glory.

L: You with weak hands: God will strengthen you!

You who are fearful: God will give you heart!

**C: For behold, God is coming to save the faithful;
and sorrow and sighing will pass away.**

L: Let us rejoice and sing! For our God comes in power and love.

ALL: Together let us proclaim tidings of comfort and joy:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

I. The Promise of One to Come

WE COMPLETE THE CIRCLE OF LIGHT

Words of Introduction

The Old Testament Prophecy of Immanuel
The Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 7, verse 14

Karen RJ Murphy

The Old Testament Prophecy of Anticipation
The Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 11, verses 1-3

The Old Testament Prophecy of Fulfillment
The Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 9, verses 2, 6-7

We Light the Christ Candle

Murphy Family

CHORAL PIECE

"Still, Still, Still"

THE NEW TESTAMENT BIRTH NARRATIVE

Luke 1: 26-38

MEDITATION "Enjoying the Christmas Story"

Pastor Chris Murphy

SPECIAL MUSIC

"O Holy Night"

Duet: Megan & Sylvia Stater

II. The Fulfillment: Emmanuel - God with us

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Karen K Murphy

Luke 2: 8-14

*HYMN No. 157

Green Hymnal

“Away in a Manger”

THE STORY OF THE FULFILLMENT FROM THE EVANGELIST

Luke 2:15-20

*HYMN No. 138

Green Hymnal

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

III. The Offering as a Response to God's Love

THE OFFERTORY

First Chimers

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A POEM

Reader: Diane Murphy

“Blessed Are You Who Bear the Light” by Jan Richardson

Blessed are you who bear the light
in unbearable times,
who testify to its endurance,
amid the unendurable,
who bear witness to its persistence
when everything seems in shadow and grief.

Blessed are you in whom the light lives,
in whom the brightness blazes-
your heart a chapel
an altar where in the deepest night
can be seen the fire that
shines forth in you in unaccountable faith
in stubborn hope
in love that illumines every broken thing it finds.

IV. We Extend the Light of Christ into our World

You received a candle as you entered. Prior to singing “Silent Night” we will turn on our candles together.

During the third verse of Silent Night, we hold our candles high so that our light may be seen from afar. We fulfill the meaning of our worship as we carry Christ's light into the world.

*THE CAROL No. 147

Green Hymnal

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

(First Chimers will play Silent Night through one time before we sing)

1. Silent Night, Holy Night.

All is calm, all is bright.

Round yon virgin mother and Child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent Night! Holy Night!

Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly
hosts sing "Alleluia"
Christ the Savior is born.

3. Silent Night! Holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the
dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN No. 125

Green Hymnal

“Joy to the World!”

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child”