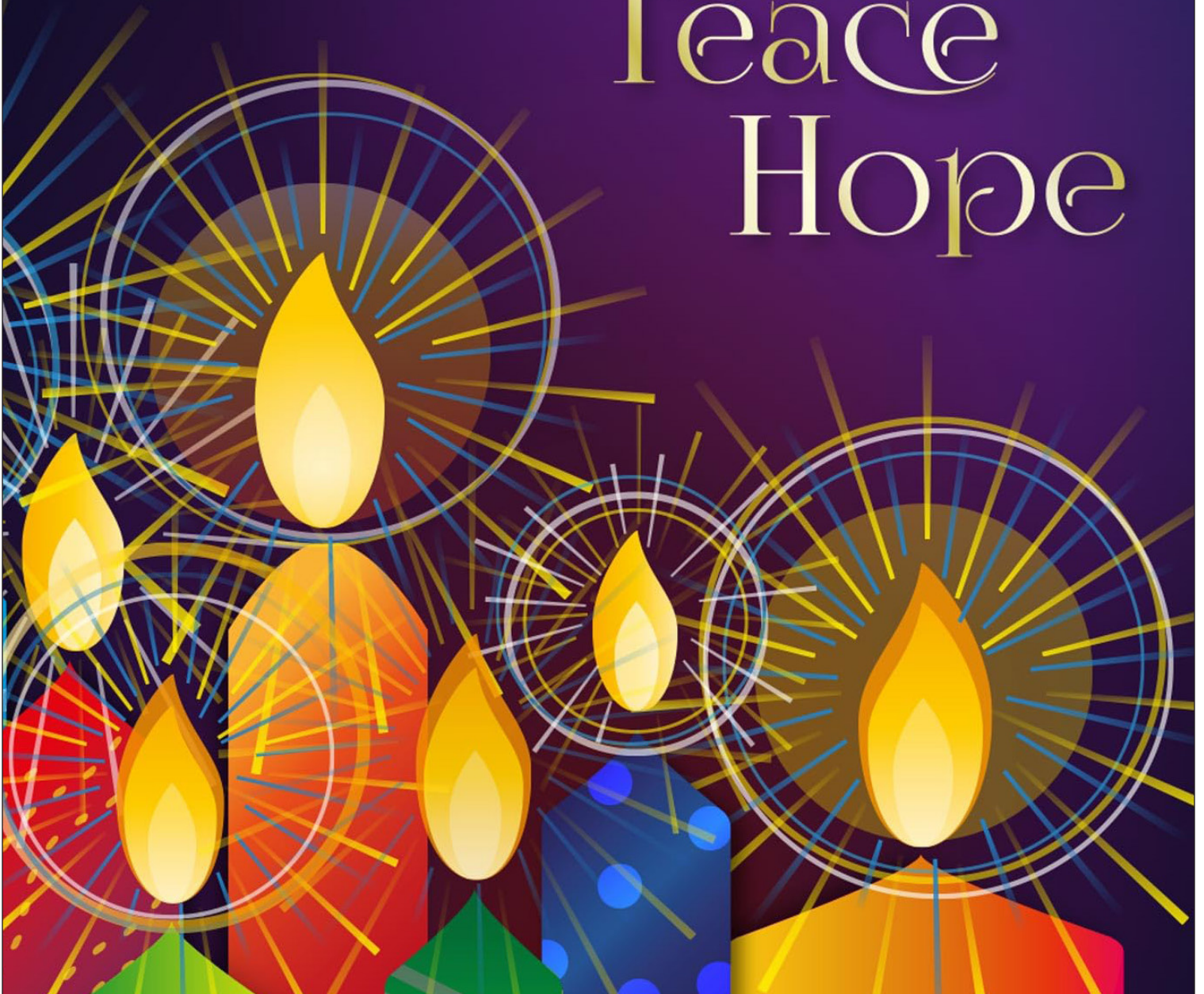


CHRISTMAS EVE, 4PM

Love Joy Peace Hope



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Prelude

Dr. Stephen Main

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Steve Schibsted

Christmas Greeting

Lighting of the Christ Candle Justin, Meredith, June and Knox Harvey

Opening Prayer

Medley of Carols

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Introduction of Christmas Offering

Dr. Don Ashburn

***Food for the Soul* - CityTeam Short Film**

Michael Barber

Offertory

Sing we now of Christmas
Kate Benson, clarinet
Ensemble of Section Leaders
Stephen Main, piano

Kyle Pederson
(born 1971)

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here. Hearts in expectation, Noel drawing near. Sing we Noel, sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel.

In stillness lays the world in silent reverie; longing for the birth of love and mercy. Yearning for hope, good news to fill our souls; turning to the manger that grounds all mystery.

Angels bending low, shepherds bend the knee, Wise Men from the east, all have come the child to see. All of creation where Love has come to dwell; sing we now of Christmas, the good news that we tell. Sing Noel!

—Words by Kyle Pederson, adapted

Christmas Story

Kerry Persichitte & Dr. Schibsted

Medley of Carols

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, sleep in heavenly peace.

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. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Christmas Blessing

Dr. Schibsted

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

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.



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