

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP
A Children’s Christmas Service for All Ages

PRELUDE - “*On CChristmas Night all Christians Sing*”, *Sussex Carol*

INVOCATION and VERSICLES
In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Jesse Tree, Christ’s family tree, **points us the way to Jesus.**

From Eden down to Calvary, **our loving Savior frees us.**

The promise is for you and me **and points the way to Jesus.**

GREETING, followed by PRAYER
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Almighty God, from before the foundations of the world You planned to send Your Son, born of the Virgin, to re-deem Your creation from sin and death. Illumine our hearts to see Your loving purpose at work in the lives of Your people who make up Christ’s family tree; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN 357 ss 1, 4, 5, 7 - *we sing, standing*

THE JESSE TREE: JESUS’ FAMILY TREE
(Presented by the Sunday School)

FIRST READING- *Isaiah 11:1–4, 10; 9:6–7*

HYMN 342 ss 1, 2 - *we sing, seated*

SECOND READING- *Genesis 3:1–6, 14–15*

RECITATION (*Adam and Eve*)

THIRD READING - *Genesis 9:8–13*

RECITATION (*Noah*)

FOURTH READING - *Genesis 12:1–3*

RECITATION (*Abraham and Sarah*)

FIFTH READING - *Genesis 22:6–8*

RECITATION (*Isaac*)

HYMN 342 ss 3, 4 - *we sing, seated*

SIXTH READING - *Genesis 28:10–14*

RECITATION (*Jacob*)

SEVENTH READING - *Ruth 1:15–16*

RECITATION (*Ruth*)

EIGHTH READING - *1 Samuel 16:1, 10–13*

RECITATION (*David*)

NINTH READING - *1 Kings 5:2–5*

RECITATION (*Solomon*)

HYMN 361 ss 1, 2 - *we sing, seated*

TENTH READING - *Luke 1:11–16*

RECITATION (*Zechariah*)

ELEVENTH READING - *Matthew 3:1–6*

RECITATION (*John the Baptist*)

TWELFTH READING - *Luke 1:26–33*

HYMN 370 ss 1- *we sing, seated*

RECITATION (*Mary, Joseph, and Jesus*)

HYMN 367 ss 1, 2, 4 - *we sing, seated*

OFFERTORY
"God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"
English Carol

RESPONSORY
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CAST AND CREW

Readers - Sarah Rowold, Alex Muller, Noah Wilde

Instrumentalists - Noah Wilde

Stage Crew - Sarah Rowold, Alex Muller

Mary - Nora Bencivenga

Angel - Luke Donewald

Shepherd - William Rowold

COLLECT
Lord Jesus Christ, You are the shoot from the stump of Jesse, the Savior who was promised by God to Adam and Eve. Thank you for taking on our human flesh in the fullness of time and joining our family to save us from our sins. Strengthen us always to live as children of our Heavenly Father and as Your redeemed brothers and sisters. In Your name we pray. **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION
Our promised Savior is born, and we are made children of God! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day. **Amen.**

HYMN 379 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE
"Now Sing we , Now Rejoice"
In Dulci Jubilo", German Carol

Shepherd - Claire Bencivenga

Angel - Grace Muller

Angel - Grace Wilde

Joseph - Jameson Kingsley

Shepherd - Emma Kingsley

Angel - Sophia Kingsley

Angel- Derek Henderson

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 78 Offering: \$9,755

This Week Here

Wed- 1:30 PM - Bible Study
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir
Thur-10:00 AM - Bulletin Pick Up
Sat - 3:20 PM - Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 PM - Christmas Eve Com. Serv.
- 8:30 PM - Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 PM - Candlelight Com. Serv.

Worship Schedule for December

Dec 24 - 4/9:00 Christmas Eve Commun.
Dec 25 - 9:30 Communion Service
Jan 1 - 9:30 Lessons and Carols

Attn Council Members! If you have not already done so, please hand in your year-

end reports to the office by January 2 so that it may be included in the Annual Report.

2023 Volunteers Needed to deliver items to the **food pantry** and **Hope Pregnancy Center**. If you are able and would like to deliver items once or twice a year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Do you know the date that you were Baptized? If you do, we'd like to know it in the Church office too. We already keep track of birthdays and wedding anniversaries, including them in the monthly newsletters and the Sunday morning prayers. We would like to add "Baptismal Birthdays" to that list too. Look for the packet on the counter outside the Church office for people to write down the date of their Baptism.

Jesse Tree: Jesus' Family Tree

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