

Christmas Eve

AT MOUNT OLIVET

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 • 2-6pm

You are welcome to return for the 7pm service which will culminate with the choir and congregation singing Silent Night to candlelight.

MOUNT OLIVET PASTORS

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor
Kurt P. Kalland, Stephen J. Cornils
Monica M. Hammersten, William B. MacLean
Anna K. Helgen, Pastoral Associate

THE HARP PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 283:1, 2, 3, 4

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:

Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

THE CHOIR ANTHEM

2pm *Away in a Manger*. Vicki Hancock Wright
Cherub Choir

3pm *How Far Is It to Bethlehem?* Vicki Hancock Wright
Alleluia Choir

4pm *Candle, Candle, Burning Bright* Lee Dengler
Hosanna Choir

5pm *Oh, Come, Little Children* Bailey/Mayo
Chapel Choir

6pm *O Holy Night* John Leavitt
Senior Choir

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN WORD & MUSIC

The congregation is invited to join in the singing of the carols.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING & CAROL Luke 2:1-7
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.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING & CAROL Luke 2:8-12
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.

THE THIRD SCRIPTURE READING & CAROL Luke 2:13-14
Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

Pastor and Congregation: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light that the darkness cannot overcome. Grant that in this world we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence, and that we may know the full joy of his glory in the world to come. Through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, we pray. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE CHOIR ANTHEM

2-3pm *Breath of Heaven* Lloyd Larson
Cathedral Choir

4-6pm *Away in a Manger* Barlow Bradford
Senior Choir

THE WELCOME

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

2-3pm *Nativity Carol* Francis Patrick O'Brien
Cathedral Choir

4-6pm *Gloria in excelsis* from *Gloria* Antonio Vivaldi
Senior Choir

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PULPIT HYMN 271:1, 5
I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus' birth!
Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on earth.

And so I love each Christmas Eve, and I love Jesus too;
and that he loves me ev'ry day I know so well is true.

THE SERMON "The Grinch Meets the Gospel" Pastor Cornils

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

THE CLOSING HYMN 270:1, 3

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain
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 we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful David Cherwien

Welcome and Merry Christmas!

On behalf of the pastors and staff of Mount Olivet, please let me tell you how grateful we are for your presence at our Christmas Eve services tonight. We hope your Christmas is filled with peace, hope, and joy—the true gifts of the season. We would be grateful if you would fill out the enclosed registration slip. Should you not have a church home, we invite you to become a member of Mount Olivet.

Our upcoming worship services are listed below. We hope you will make worship at Mount Olivet a top priority for 2018. As we worship this spring and summer, we will be lifting up various elements of our service so that you can enter more fully into the worship experience. Next fall, we plan to enter into a “narrative lectionary” that will connect the stories of the Bible together and to our lives more cohesively. Don’t miss out!

Since its founding in 1920, Mount Olivet’s mission has focused on being a servant church committed to making a positive impact within its community and throughout the world. There are service opportunities all year-long at both our campuses and through our affiliated ministries: Cathedral of the Pines Camp in Lutsen, Mount Olivet Home, Mount Olivet Careview Home, Mount Olivet Day Services, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres and the Mount Olivet Counseling Center. If you would like more information in participating in any of these ministries, please just ask.

You are also invited to partake in the myriad of the social, learning, music (and more!) offerings. There is something for everyone at Mount Olivet—a few are listed here, however, please visit www.mtolivet.org or contact us for more information. Please know that whatever your background or wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here. So come and be a part of the mission of Mount Olivet. It is the people, supported by God’s grace and guidance, who make this church what it is today and what it can become tomorrow, and you have a role to play.

Blessed Christmas,



David J. Lose, Senior Pastor

Upcoming Worship at Mount Olivet - All are Welcome!

Christmas Day Communion Service

Monday, December 25; 10am; Mpls

The First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 31; 9 & 10am; Mpls & West

New Year’s Eve Communion Service

Sunday, December 31; 7pm; Mpls

Regular Sunday Morning Worship resumes Sunday, January 7, 2018

9, 10, 11am & 12noon at Mpls

9, 10 & 11am at West

Communion at both campuses at 8:30am and following the last service

Choir, Sunday Church School, and the Way resume

Nursery available at both campuses at 9, 10 & 11am

Mount Olivet Ministries for All

Adults

Mount Olivet Church Women (MOCW) • Senior Choir • Men’s Ministry • Young Adult Ministry (YAM) • Flying Solo • Prayer Shawl Ministry • Mount Olivet Homes’ Auxiliary (MOHA) • Community Concern service opportunities • Young in Heart • Friends Forever • Caregivers: a ministry of friendship • Altar Guild Counseling Service • Conference & Retreat Center Events • Pew Guild • Prayer Ministry • Learning Opportunities: Bible and Religion; Living the Message; Online classes; Book discussions • Hi-er League • Young Marrieds • Career and Calling • Motorheads • Chancel Ringers • Volunteer Opportunities to Connect and Engage

Youth

Hi-League • Cathedral Choir • Circle of Friends • Kids’ Cafe • Cathedral of the Pines • Confirmation • Junior High Alive • Chancel Choir • Adopt-A-Grandparent Retreats • Service Opportunities • Peer Ministry • Summertime Players! • House Groups • Counseling Service • Volunteer Opportunities to Connect and Engage

Children & Family

Baptisms • Sunday Church School • The Way • New Baby Ministry • Sunday Morning Nursey • Parents Share • God’s Kids Sing • Musikgarten • Counseling Service • Preschool • Vacation Bible School • Cherub Choir • Alleluia Choir • King’s Kids Camps • Cathedral of the Pines • FunDays! • Hosanna Choir • Babygarten Chapel Choir • Joy Bells • Joyful Noise! Ensemble • Advent Family Events • Volunteer Opportunities to Connect and Engage

And More!

Interested in learning more?

Contact our Congregational Engagement Coordinator, Katie Marxhausen: 612-767-2219/kmarxhausen@mtolivet.org or go online to www.mtolivet.org

Interested in becoming a member? We would love to have you join!

Contact our Director of Membership, Carol Nault: 612-767-2204/caroln@mtolivet.org

Director of Worship & Music, Beverly Clafin

Organist, Linda Berger

Director of Senior Choir, Jerry Elsbernd

Director of Cathedral Choir, Miller LaMotte

Director of Chapel & Hosanna Choirs, Jocque Warner

Director of Alleluia & Cherub Choirs, Melanie McIvor

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth and good will to all!”

Luke 2:13-14



Believing, Belonging, Becoming

Emmanuel
GOD WITH US

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