



The Journey of the Three Wise Men

A Christmas Play adapted by Emma Russart

Sunday, December 18, 2022

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Randy Sohn

Choir Director: Cindy Sohn

Advent Candle Lighter & Reader: Deb LaDuke, Linda Lorfeld

Meditative Music

Bell ringing

Prelude Gathering for Worship

Sussex Carol

Call to Worship:

L: Your word became flesh, and you made your dwelling among us when Jesus was born.

P: **You set aside all of the glory and splendor of heaven and chose the most humble way to enter into your kingdom. Beneath the stars, surrounded the hosts of heaven, Love came.**

L: You came as an innocent baby whose purpose was to walk this earth in complete love and then to give his life as an atonement for the sins of His children.

P: **God with us ~ Emmanuel. God and Love incarnate.**

The Reading for and Lighting of the Advent Candles:

Reader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of love.

(Light the first, second, third and fourth candle.)

Reader: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us! (1 John 3:1)

People: This is how God showed his love. He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. (1 John 4:9)

Reader: A new command I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All will know that you are my disciples if you love one another. (John 13:34-35)

St. James Choral Anthem:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Trumpet - Ally Wasmer

Introduction: "The Journey of the Three Wisemen"

Cast of Characters:

Narrator: Emma Russart

Wisemen: Parker Sprenger, Wyatt Henschel, and Carson Russart

Mary and the Angel: Ella Roethel

Joseph: Jameson Binversie

Shepherds: Andrew Nye and Emmett Vogel

Throughout the play, we would like to ask the Choir and the Congregation to join us in several classic Christmas hymns. The following are included in this production (lyrics on the bulletin insert):

- *Angels We Have Heard on High* - v. 1 & 2
- *We Three Kings of Orient Are* - v. 1 & 2
- *Away in a Manger* - v. 1 & 2
- *Joy to the World* - All verses

Offering: Collection this morning to go to the Sunday School. They are looking to donate the money to a charity of their choice (Salvation Army/ Dogs 2 Dog Tags...)

Offertory Music: *O Come, O Come* Piano by Cindy Sohn

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Loving God, as we present our tithes and offerings to you this morning for your blessing, we remember the greatest blessing the world has ever received: your precious Son, sent to redeem us, to pay the price for our sins. Thank you for showing us how to give from the heart. In the name of Jesus we pray. *Amen.*

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.

Celebration Hymn: (#97)

Hark, the glad sound

Benediction:

Thank you for coming to our Christmas play. We hope to have provided you with laughter and enjoyment as we remember the birth of our Lord Jesus. May God bless you each and every day!!! Go now in the name of our Lord; love him and do good unto others. Amen.

Postlude:

Lift Up Your Heads

St. James Sunday School



Merry Christmas!