

RESPONSE

Isaiah 11:1-2

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse.

And a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him.

The spirit of wisdom and understanding.

The spirit of counsel and might.

The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

THE BIRTH

DUET

"What Child is This?" (English Ballad/Arr. Dennis)

READING

Luke 2:1-7

RESPONSE

Isaiah 11:6, 9

The wolf shall live with the lamb,

the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

and a little child shall lead them.

They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters cover the sea.

THE ANGELS

***HYMN #119** (standing)

"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" (Mendelssohn)

READING

Luke 2:8-20

RESPONSE

Isaiah 10:9

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings.

Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem,

herald of good tidings.

Lift it up, do not fear.

Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

THE STAR

HYMN #147 (seated)

"The First Nowell" (vss. 1-4) (English Carol)

READING

Matthew 2:1-11

RESPONSE

Isaiah 60:1-2

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,

And thick darkness the peoples.

But the Lord will arise upon you,

And his glory will appear over you.

THE LIGHT

DUET "Still, Still, Still" (Austrian Folk Tune/Arr. Grotenhuis)
READING John 1:1-14
RESPONSE Isaiah 40:4-5

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
**the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.**
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

***HYMN #122** (standing) "Silent Night, Holy Night!" (Gruber)

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! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"

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.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

(Please extinguish candles after singing.)

***PRAYER** (standing)

***HYMN #134** (standing) "Joy to the World" (Handel)

POSTLUDE (DUET) "Feliz Navidad" (Feliciano/Arr. Emerson)

JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!

WORSHIP NOTES

Candles are available as you enter the sanctuary; please take one!

When the time comes for lighting candles, please come forward with your candle through the center aisle to the front of the sanctuary, and light your candle from one of the two candles there. Then return to your seat using a side aisle. When all candles are lit, we will sing "*Silent Night, Holy Night*" together.

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VISITORS

Welcome! We are thrilled to have you with us. Please join us for worship any Sunday at 10:00 a.m., or join us online:

<https://www.fpcroswell.org/worship-video.html>

Schedule coffee and conversation with the pastor. (COVID-safe practices will be observed.) Contact him by phone, text, or email (see below).

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