

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Christmas Eve Virtual Worship – December 24, 2020

Premiering on YouTube at 11:00 am

Each year the Child is born again.
Each year some new heart
finally hears
finally sees
finally knows love.
And in heaven
there is great rejoicing!

~Ann Weems, *The Child is Born Again*

“Christmas itself isn’t about getting what you want,
or making sure you’re giving others what they want.
To experience Christmas is to trust that God can do this thing again.
God can again be born in me, in you,
in this broken mess of a gorgeous world.”

~ Nadia Bolz-Weber, *Sermon on Mary*

INTROIT “Pastoral Symphony” from *Messiah* *G. F. Handel*
John Barr, *organ*

WELCOME Christy Dowdy

PRELUDE Sweet, Holy Child *arr. Marilyn Ham*
(Sweet Little Jesus Boy with Infant Holy, Infant Lowly)
Mary Beth Flory, *piano*

INVOCATION PRAYER

VIRTUAL CAROL *O little town of Bethlehem (# 191)* *ST. LOUIS*
(BWCOB Virtual Hymn Sing, December 2020)

CHILDREN’S STORY Josh Eye

INTERLUDE Silent Night *arr. Don Wrytzen*

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN MUSIC AND WORD

The Annunciation Luke 1:26-38
What Child is This?
Andrea Nolley and Claire Wayman, *flutes*

The Decree and the Birth Luke 2:1-7
Still, Still, Still *arr. Marilyn Ham*

Shepherds and Angels Luke 2:8-14
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear *arr. Marilyn Ham*

To Bethlehem Luke 2:15-20

VIRTUAL ANTHEM	How Far is it to Bethlehem Andrea Nolley, <i>flute</i>	arr. <i>Stan Pethel</i>
PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE		~Sarah Are / A Sanctified Art LLC / sanctifiedart.org
SOLO	Wexford Carol Marianne Houff, <i>soprano</i> Mary Kay Adams, <i>cello</i> Mary Beth Flory, <i>piano</i>	arr. <i>Charles Floyd</i> & <i>Yo-Yo Ma</i>
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE	Isaiah 9:2,6-7	Christy Dowdy and Chris Zepp
CAROL	<i>Silent night, holy night (# 193)</i> Curtis & Andrea Nolley, <i>vocals</i> Curtis Nolley, <i>guitar</i> (Recorded at BWCOB Christmas Eve 2013, 11, p.m.)	STILLE NACHT
BENEDICTION		John 1:1-5
VIRTUAL CODA	Veni, veni, Emmanuel Kyle Remnant(s), <i>trombone(s)</i>	
EPILOGUE	<i>Matthew 1:18-23</i>	~SALT Project
POSTLUDE	He Is Born!	arr. <i>John Carter</i>

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