Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel

1 Tower Avenue in Historic Fort Snelling, Minnesota

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday 24 December 2025 — 4:00 p.m.

Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service

hosted by

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*
The Congregation, *Ministers of the Gospel*

Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Kenneth "Ken" L. Beale, Jr., *Senior Chaplain*
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Where the Veteran Is Remembered

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We are glad that you are here for worship today!
*The * indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able.*
*The **bold print** indicates readings/choral responses of the congregation.*
If you have a cell phone, please turn off the ringer. Thank you.

Special Music Selections from "Christmas Organ Classics" CD

featuring Dr. Desiderius Klempay on the Wooddale Church Organ

"Resonet in Laudibus" † "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" † Toccata on "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
"Greensleeves" † "Noel Grand Jeu et Duo" † Variations on "Run Shepherds, Run" † "Pastorale"
"Noel Chantons Je Vous Prie" † "Lo How a Rose Ere Blooming" † Noel Joseph est Bien Marie"
"Jesu Bambino" † "Noel Fanfares" † "Halleluja Chorus"

Consider using these sacred moments to meditate upon the scripture reading and prepare yourself to receive a blessing from God. Kindly be considerate of your neighbor's need for silence.

Carol Sing "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

"Regent Square" words and music by Montgomery and Smart
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1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

(Refrain) Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

4. Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear: (Refrain)

Special Music

"Mary Had a Baby"	Traditional Spiritual
"He Is Born"	French Carol
"Silent Night"	arr. M. Hayes
"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"	Longfellow/Marks
"What Child Is This?"	arr. F. Bock

Carol Sing "Angels We Have Heard on High"

"Gloria" words and music French carol melody
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1. Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly oe'r the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

(Refrain) Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo, Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo.

3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing. Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

Organ Prelude "Gesu Bambino" P. Yon

Ringing of the Ship Bell

Call to Worship L = Leader **P = People** (Isaiah 9:6; St. Luke 2:15)

L: Unto us a Child is born, and unto us a Son is given:
P: And the government shall be upon His shoulder:
L: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
P: The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
L: Let us go now even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us.

* ***Carol Sing*** "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

"Mendelssohn" words and music by Wesley and Mendelssohn
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1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th' angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

(Refrain) Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the Everlasting Lord, late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb; veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel. (Refrain)
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. (Refrain)

* ***Invocation***

Special Music "A Song Was Born at Christmas Time" K. Bible/English Melody

Scripture Reading St. Luke 2:8-20 (New King James Version)

[8] Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9] And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. [10] Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. [11] For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [12] And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

[13] And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

[14] "Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

[15] So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." [16] And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. [17] Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. [18] And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. [19] But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. [20] Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Carol Sing "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

"Christmas" words and music by Tate and Handel
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1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around. And glory shone around.
2. "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind." To you and all mankind.
3. "To you, in David's town this day, is born of David's line a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign: And this shall be the sign:
4. The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid." And in a manger laid.

Special Music "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Polish Carol, arr. Ed Hogan

Scripture Reading St. Matthew 2:1-12 (New King James Version)

[1] Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king,
behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,[2] saying, "Where is He who has
been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to
worship Him."

[3] When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
[4] And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together,
he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

[5] So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

[6] 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;
For out of you shall come a Ruler
Who will shepherd My people Israel.'"

[7] Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what
time the star appeared. [8] And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search
carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me,
that I may come and worship Him also."

[9] When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen
in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.
[10] When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. [11] And when they
had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell
down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented
gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

[12] Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they
departed for their own country another way.

Carol Sing "The First Noel the Angel Did Say"

"The First Noel" words and music by Traditional English carol and melody
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3. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far; to seek for a King was their intent, and to follow the star whereever it went. (Refrain)

(Refrain) Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest; o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. (Refrain)
5. Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in His presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. (Refrain)

Special Music "Sussex Carol" Wadding/Traditional English Carol

Poem "A Soldier's Christmas Night" by Bob Beskar
local Vietnam Veteran

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of the People

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Greeting and Sharing of Church Life

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Dedication Prayer

Offertory Music "Away in a Manger" J. R. Murray, arr. Ed Hogan

Reading "**The Christmas Guest**" Chaplain Beale
as retold by Helen Steiner Rice

Candlelighting

Eternal Flame
Altar Candles
Candelabras
POW/MIA Candle
Advent Wreath Candles
Worshiper's Candles

* ***Singing of the Christmas Carols*** (first verse of each)

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
"Adeste fideles" words and music by Wade
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1. 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! O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

"Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come"
"Antioch" words and music by Watts and Handel
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1. Joy to the world; the Lord is come; let earth receive her King; let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n, and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"St. Louis" words and music by Brooks and Redner
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1. 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.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
"Carol" words and music by Sears and Willis
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1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

"Away in a Manger, No Crib for His Bed"
"Mueller" words and music by Anonymous American and Murray
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1. Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"
"Stille Nacht" words and music by Mohr and Gruber
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1. 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.

* ***Benediction***

Organ Postlude "Angels We Have Heard on High" T. Albrecht

Announcements

Many Thanks to those who purchased **62** poinsettias. Please refer to the back cover listing of donors and their tributes. We sincerely apologize for any misspellings or incorrect notations. Donors wishing to secure their plants are asked to remain on the main sanctuary floor. Persons will hand you the plants.

Also Thanks to **Dan Bredvold, Anne Heller, Jim Stocker, Tony** & **Barb Stocker, Rich** & **Betty Quiring** for the decorating of the sanctuary and chancel floral arrangement, and **Russ Bray** for delivering poinsettias to the Mpls Veterans Home.

Tonight's CD of Dr. Desi on the Wooddale organ is available for purchase at **$10** each as you exit the Chapel this evening. Pay by check to "Desi Klempay" or cash.

Special Music

A sincere welcome to our guests **Dan** and **Karin Wickman**. Dan (lyric bass) and Karin (pianist and arranger) have been involved with music ministry in the evangelical church for 55 years and recently retired from their music ministry at Buffalo Covenant Church. Dan received has Bachelor of Arts in Church Music/Vocal Performance from Bethel University and has studied voice at the University of MN and the MacPhail Center for the Performing Arts. Karin received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and a minor in Music from Bethel University.

A sincere welcome to flute player **Tamara Henschel**. Tamara began playing flute in the fifth grade and has played continuously since that time. She has a Bachelor of Arts degrees in Music Education, Bible, and Psychology. She works for Michael's Arts and Crafts. At the present time, Tamara is working toward certification in professional genealogy. Tamara thanks God for her talent and her parents for their support.

Finally, we gratefully thank **Dr. Desi Klempay**, our chapel organist, on the historic Kimball pipe organ. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Music & Organ Performance from California State University, Los Angeles; a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance from the University of MN; and an organ diploma from the Mozarteum Conservatory in Salzburg, Austria.

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Christmas Eve 2025 Garden of Poinsettias

White Poinsettias

Ken & Kathy Beale...*in loving memory of parents—Rev Ken & Ann Beale and Bob & Doreen Moran*
Mary Berg...*in loving memory of husband—Gary Berg*
Tim & Susan Bray...*in honor of our children—Savanna and Flynn Bray*
Rich & Kristy Crear...*in loving memory of our mothers—Dianne and Marcella—who loved Christmas*
Sharon Emde...*in loving memory of Fred & Mabel Emde*
Terry & Margaret Flower...*in loving memory of parents—Adolph & Julie Flower*
Jim & Sharon Gullickson...*in loving memory of our loved ones*
Edward Harkins...*in loving memory of JoAnn*
Edward Harkins...*in loving memory of Ellen*
Edward Harkins...*in loving memory of Harold*
Anne Heller...*in loving memory of parents—Russell & Alberta, brothers—Deane & Tom, sister—Nancy, and nephew—Jeff Young*
Johnnie & Bev Johnson...*in loving memory of our parents—Robert & Maxine Puelston and Clifford Johnson & Lucille Johnson Mosby*
Sherman Malkerson...*in loving memory of Steve Ebert, Capt. US Army who died in an airplane crash in October of 1970*
Daniel Ojeda...*to the Glory of God*
John Oslovsky...*in loving memory of William Oslovsky*
Jack & Cindy Pugh...*in loving memory of our parents—John & Helen Pugh and Don & Joan Grugel*
James Shipstad...*in loving memory of Viola Shipstad*
Rose Sullivan...*in loving memory of my parents—Ken & Celia Foster*
Craig & Nancy Susag...*in loving memory of our parents*

Red Poinsettias

Stephen & Connie Anderson...*in honor of Ethan and Dana*
Ken & Kathy Beale...*in honor of our children and grandchildren*
Mary Berg...*in loving memory of father—Dale Hendricks*
Tim & Susan Bray...*in loving memory of our parents—Jerry & Lois Bray and Ron & Betty Bonkosky*
Dan Bredvold...*in loving memory of my parents and my niece—Nadian*
Jeanette Buck...*in loving memory of my husband—Calvin Buck*
Marilyn Chapman...*in loving memory of Keith & Betty Miller*
Robert Cizek...*to the Glory of God*
JoAnn Class...*in loving memory of my husband—Ralph Class*
Richard Covey...*to the Glory of God*
Sharon Emde...*in loving memory of dear friends—Kermit & Kathy Bischoff*
Terry & Margaret Flower...*in loving memory of parents—Ida & Verne Van Stone*
The Hattleberg Family...*in honor of our parents and grandparents*
JoAnn Jones...*in loving memory of Col. Richard (Casey) A Jones*
Martin Johnson...*in honor of John Butler*
B Johnson and C Thoms...*in loving memory of Veterans of all wars*
Len & Glenda Koehnen...*in honor of our children and grandchildren*
Sherman Malkerson...*in loving memory of Steve Ebert, Capt. US Army who died in an airplane crash in October of 1970*
Brad & Robin Nelson...*in honor of our parents*
Marilyn Nelson...*to the Glory of God*
Carol Nygaard...*in honor of all my Chapel friends, near and far*
Daniel Ojeda...*in honor of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation and in loving memory of my parents—Daniel & Aurora Ojeda and Bob & Delores Hope*
Jack & Cindy Pugh...*in honor of WWII Veteran Fremont B Gruss*
Rich & Betty Quiring...*to the Glory of God*
James Shipstad...*in honor of Evelyn Shipstad*
Tony & Barb Stocker...*in honor of our children and grandchildren*
Craig & Nancy Susag...*in loving memory of our parents*

Pink Poinsettias

Mary Berg...*in loving memory of father-in-law—Gordy Berg*
Bohlin Family...*in loving memory of Barb Bohlin*
Tim & Susan Bray...*in loving memory of my sister—Jane Bray*
Linda Cameron...*in loving memory of Ted & Margaret Pelton and Earl & Ann Cameron*
Sharon Coyne...*in loving memory of my husband—Bill*
Terry & Margaret Flower...*in honor of our family, children and grandchildren*
Brad & Robin Nelson...*in honor of our parents*
Craig & Nancy Susag...*in loving memory of our parents*