

THE SYMBOLS, SOUNDS, AND STORIES OF CHRISTMAS
ZEBULON BAPTIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 4, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Prelude — “The First Noel” arr. Rice

Welcome Barbara Glasgow

The History of the Chrismons and the First Chrismon —
Beaded Bell Gloria Ashe

Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

Music by the Adult Handbell Choir
“The First Noel”
“Carol of the Bells”
“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

The Second Chrismon — Musical Cross Jackie Adams

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7

Music by the Youth Choir
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

The Third Chrismon — Angel Betsy Green

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-6

Music by the Youth Handbell Choir
“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

*Congregation Hymn No. 126
“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

*Responsive Litany

Leader: We long for the day when Jesus will appear as triumphant King.

People: When the dead will be raised, and all people will stand before his judgment.

Leader: We face that day without fear, for the Judge is our Savior.

People: With all of creation we wait for the purifying fire of that judgment.

Leader: For when we see the Lord face to face,

People: He will heal our hurts, end our wars, and make the crooked straight.

Leader: Then we will join in the new song to the Lamb who has made of us a kingdom of priests.

People: God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish.

Leader: Everything will be made new.

People: And every eye shall see at last that our world belongs to God!

Unison: Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus, come!!

Offertory — “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” arr. Hayes

The Evening Prayer

The Fourth Chrismons — Stars, Star of Jacob and Morning Star
Jo Ann Horton

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Music by the Sanctuary Choir
“Jesus, Sleep in Heavenly Peace”

The Fifth Chrismon — Birth of Christ Mary Pat Hicks

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-35

Music by the Sanctuary and Youth Choirs
“Ding Dong! Merrily on High”

The Sixth Chrismons — Nine Fruits of the Spirit and Baptismal Shell
Mary Pat Hicks

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-55

Music by the Sanctuary Choir
“Night of the Manger”
The Congregation will join the choir on “Silent Night”
*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

Postlude — “O, How Joyfully”
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arr. Berry
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