

Prelude**"Ave Maria"**

Bach / Gounod

"All My Heart this Night Rejoices"

arr. Gordon Young

"Veni, Veni Emmanuel"

arr. Chip Davis

Welcome**Call to Worship**

Kathy Meeks

Lighting of the Christ Candle***Sung Response****"Joy to the World"**

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Bidding Prayer**Children's Time*****Carol****"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1 & 3)**

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Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Carol**"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (vs. 1 & 4)**

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Lesson

Micah 5:2-5

Carol**"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 1&3)**

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Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Carol**"Away in a Manger" (vs. 1 &2)**

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Lesson

Luke 2:8-14

Carol**"Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs. 1 & 3)**

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Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

Message**"God Knows Your Name by Heart"**

Rev. Wil Reinowski

Invitation to Offering

The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to leave your offering at any time.

*** Please stand as you are able.**

Offertory**"Meditation on "The First Noel""**

(arr. Paul Fey)

Prayer of Dedication

God of new beginnings, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. You call each of us by name, and you gather us into a story that holds quiet mercy and steady hope. Use what we place before you tonight, our resources and our resolve, to shelter the weary, strengthen the searching, and lift those who wait for good news. Let these gifts carry the light of Christ into places that feel forgotten. Let them remind someone that love has already drawn near. We dedicate all we give and all we are to your work in this world. Amen.

Sharing Christ's Light

John 1:1-5

Please pass the light from person to person always keeping the lit candle upright.

Carol*"Silent Night"**

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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.

3 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,

2 Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,

4 Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend the light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born,

Christmas Blessing**Postlude****"Postlude on "Adeste Fidelius""** (arr. Gordon Young)

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Our scripture readers this evening are Deb Hester, Kathy Meeks, Sarah Johnson, Roy Johnson, and Virginia Myers.

We pray for a blessed and meaningful Christmas to you. May it bring peace to a healing heart, rest to a weary mind, release to a soul waiting to live in joy.

The greeters this evening are Lew and Sue Graham.

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