

# *Christmas Eve Service*

*December 24, 2014*

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**PRELUDE** (A time for prayerful reflection and preparation for worship)

**WELCOME** (Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.)

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Behold! God is good, and has set a star in the heavens to guide us to the truth.

**We follow it with joy, knowing that God will give us strength to climb the hills, and sight to conquer the darkness.**

Behold! God is good, and has promised us a Savior to lead us to righteousness.

**We await the Savior's coming with gladness and with expectation that in the holy birth our lives may be renewed.**

## **THE BIDDING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH—The Christ Child Candle**

Humphries/Rogers Families

**ANTHEM** "O Holy Night"

**OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 9: 2-7

**PSALTER NO. 815 IN THE HYMNAL** Psalm 96

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Choir  
"Sing We Now of Christmas with The First Noel and O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**FIRST GOSPEL** Luke 2: 1-14

**\*HYMN NO. 238 IN THE HYMNAL** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**SECOND GOSPEL** Luke 2: 15-20

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

## **INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## **PRAYER**

**\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES (Hold lit candle vertical, tip unlit candle)**

**\*HYMN** "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.***

***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!***

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**\*EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES (Candles will be extinguished simultaneously.)**

**\*Indicates where you should stand if you are able.**

***If you would like to give an offering you may do so on your way out,  
offering plates will be available at the front door.***

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