

Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2017
5:00pm
Liturgical Color - Purple

PRELUDE (A time to prepare your heart for worship of God)

CALL TO WORSHIP **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** Kirsten Shepherd

***THE HYMN** **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** ADESTE FIDELES

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.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

***LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH** John and Pal Moore and Family

We light all the candles upon the wreath tonight. The candles of hope, The Way, Joy, and Peace. We also light the Christ candle, which symbolizes the birth of our Savior. We bring good news of great joy for all people, for you this night a Saviour is born in the City of David, who is Christ the Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC **"Mary Did you Know"** Greer Eddins and Caroline Crouse

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Invitation

Institution

Consecration of Elements

Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

The Communion of the People

The Prayer following Communion

THE SCRIPTURE READING **Hebrews 4: 14-16** Rev. Timmerman

SPECIAL MUSIC **"O Holy Night"** Men's Choir

SERMON **"A Manger and A Throne"** Rev. Timmerman

MUSICAL REFLECTION: Take a moment and in silence lift up to God those matters upon your heart. Pray for your neighbor, friends, and family. Pray for those that joy is difficult to find at Christmas, because of loss of loved ones and others who struggle with life itself. Pray for the unity of your family, and for God to set our hearts right as we receive the gift of Christ.

SHARING THE LIGHT (Hold lit candle vertical, tip unlit candle)

The simple act of lighting a candle means so much more tonight. We are sharing the light that comes into the world to reveal God's love and truth to all. As we share this light with our neighbors, know that we are sharing the love and mercy of God. When each candle has received its light, we will stand to sing our closing hymn. On the Fourth Stanza of the hymn, please raise your light toward heaven and hold it there as we sing. At the conclusion of our hymn, please extinguish the light upon the candle carefully, but never extinguish the light in your heart.

***THE HYMN NO. 239** **"Silent Night, Holy 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!

***THE BENEDICTION** **"Someday"** Mary Lynn Watkins

***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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