



*Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service*

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December 24, 2017

5:00 p.m.

*Please stand as you are able.

Greeting Rev. Ryan Clore

Prelude Mr. Jim Council
Sheep May Safely Graze J. S. Bach, arr. Edmundson

* **Carol, No. 89** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

* **Invocation** Rev. Clore

Reading from the Old Testament Rev. Clore
Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-9

Solo Mrs. Robin Fort
Sweet Little Jesus Boy arr. Richard Walters

The Christmas Story in Scripture and Songs

Scripture **Jesus' Birth**
Luke 2:1-7
Carol No. 86 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS
(Stanzas 1 and 2)

Scripture **The Angels**
Luke 2:8-15
Carol No. 100 *Angels We have Heard on High* GLORIA
(Stanzas 1 and 2)

Scripture **The Shepherds**
Luke 2:16-20
Carol No. 101 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUN
(Stanzas 1 and 2)

Prayer Rev. Clore

Solo Mr. Melvin Ezzell
O Holy Night Adolphe Adam

Meditation *Midwife* Rev. Clore

Communion

Musical Reflection

*On Christmas Night
Once in Bethlehem
One Small Babe*

Mr. Council
Ralph Vaughan Williams
Donald McCullough
Mary Beall and Jay Althouse

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Haywood and Myrtle Corbett

Leader : Hope, peace, joy, and love. Four candles, four promises continually offered to us by God, and all of them manifest in one candle tonight.

People: **The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.** (Isaiah 9:2)

Leader : In Christ we find the hope of transformation, the peace that follows justice, the joy of self-fulfillment in community, and the love that encompasses us in all our diversity, empowering us to make our own unique contribution to this world.

Leader : Tonight, we light the last candle in the Advent Wreath—the Christ candle. In Christ we find light and life, and the challenge to be like him, answering his call and following in his footsteps.

People: **For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** (Isaiah 9:6)

All: **We rejoice in God’s steadfast presence in our lives, and in God’s unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God. Come to us, Lord Jesus. Be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, and our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, and God in us. Amen.**

Passing of the Light

Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

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,
Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing,
“Alleluia! Hail the King!
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.

* Departing Carol

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH

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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.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Depart with joy to serve and share the Good News!

* Postlude

Fanfare on "Joy to the World!"

Mr. Council
arr. Lani Smith



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