

***Hymn 122** *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 the holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at the thy birth, Jesus, Lord at they 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.*

Behold the Light, the Word made flesh, a Savior, Christ the Lord. Welcome the Light, the Baby Jesus, a Savior, Christ the Lord. Spread the news the angels told.

Tell the world: Your Savior is here!

Please depart in silence

*Merry Christmas from
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CHRISTMAS EVE**

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** Please stand if you are able*

Prelude Bagpipe *Angels We Have Heard on High /Oh Come All Ye Faithful*
Piper John Taylor

Welcome

Call to Worship

***ALL (sing):** *O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

At every beginning there is a yearning for the One who is coming.

Oh Emmanuel,

Wake us up to your coming.

At every beginning there is a yearning for the One who is coming.

Oh Emmanuel,

Prepare us for your coming

At every beginning there is a yearning for the One who is coming.

Oh Emmanuel,

Open us up to your coming

At every beginning there is a yearning for the One who is coming.

Oh Emmanuel,

Surprise us by your coming.

Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles,
whose flame bring warmth to winter, and fill this place with the glow of
hope.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel HAS come to thee, O Israel!

Hymn 143 v1 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*
***Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ the newborn king!***

Glory be to Christ Jesus, who has borne the cross for us and cleansed us with
his blood. In the quiet agony of death, Jesus redeemed the world from sin,
and gave us a grace by which to remember him.

Hymn 143 v4 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*
***All creation, join in praising God the Father,
Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ the newborn king!***

*Celebration of Light

The whisper of God has become a shout!

Jesus, the Savior, is born!

Praise the Lord with heart-filled joy!

We praise him! We bless him! Christ our newborn King!

And he blesses you with his presence – then and now and always!

Amen.

A young girl, alone with her betrothed husband, in a strange town, far from
the comfort of the familiar, gives birth to a child in the stable of an inn. Hard-
ly the stuff of interest to the world. Yet that is how God comes: not in the hur-
ricane, not in the earthquake, not in the fire, but in a gentle whisper, the per-
son of a baby.

When deep down, despite contradictions... Gracious God,
How can we keep from singing?
In this place... Gracious God,
How can we keep from singing?
Therefore with the Church throughout the world,
... We sing the song of your everlasting praise:

Sung Response *to the tune of Joy to the World!*
Praise the eternal Holy One, and tell the spirit's worth.
To Christ sing praise, God-with-us all our days.
O sing the Savior's birth, O sing the Savior's birth,
O sing, O sing the Savior's birth.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father,
Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Elements

The elements are shared by intinction - bread dipped in juice. The cup is non-alcoholic, gluten free bread is available. Pews will be invited forward by the center aisle to stations, and to return by the outside aisles.
If you would prefer, you can be served in your seat.

Song *Breath Of Heaven* Chris Eaton/Amy Grant

Bless the Lord, for salvation has come to us in Christ, the babe of Bethlehem.

***Hymn 133, vv1&4** *O Come all Ye Faithful*
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!
Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come let us adore him; O come let us adore him;
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Blessed is the day of grace, when God sent a Son.

Blessed is Mary, to bear such a child.

Blessed is Joseph, to care for him on earth.

Blessed are we, to know him in our hearts.

He comes to us quietly, with little fanfare.

Softly, as in a whisper, God sends salvation to this fallen world.

Into the quiet of the long night the Light of the world flickers into human life, a spark which will engulf the world.

Come, little Lord Jesus, and be our guest.

Stay with us; live with us; be with us, forever. Amen.

Hymn 133, v3 *O Come all Ye Faithful*
Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
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!

Reading: Luke 2:1-7 page 55 NT

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse...

A girl full of grace bears a Child who is grace.

We praise and bless the Lord!

Our God calls us to himself, with the voice of a child.

He calls us to believe, and not to be afraid.

As Mary answered the angel, so too we respond,

“I am the Lord’s servant. May it be to me as you have said.”

Hymn 121 vv 1&3 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above they deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

Yet in they dark streets shineth the everlasting light;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Reading: Luke 2:8-14 *page 54 NT*

Hymn 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Reading: Luke 2:15-20 *page 55 NT*

Meditation Rev. Kate Rascoe

Hymn 134 vv 1&4 *Joy to the World!*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her king;

Let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven 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.

Offering - Prayer of Thanks for Gifts Given and Received

Monetary support of our ministry can be placed in the offering plates at the beginning or end of worship – thank you for your generosity!

Hymn 145 v 1 *What Child Is This*

What Child is this, who laid to rest,

on Mary’s lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet

while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king,

whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud,

The babe, the son of Mary.

Our thanks be to God, the Creator,

Who brings us all that we have.

Our thanks be to God, the Savior,

Who gives us back our lives.

Our thanks be to God, the Spirit,

Who keeps us close by God’s side.

Our Lord, take what we offer you – gifts of self, time, goods. Use them, for they are yours.

Thanks be to God!

In all things we listen for your voice, to do your will.

Communion

Invitation

The story

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Since you have called us,... gracious God,

How can we keep from singing?