

**Christmas Eve**  
December 24, 2020  
A Celebration of the Incarnation

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| The Prelude  | <i>What Child Is This?</i>                 | English Traditional, arr. Catherine McMichael       |
| The Prophecy   |  | Isaiah 9:2-7  |
| The Advent Call  | <i>Shine On Us, O God of Justice</i>       | PICARDY, Traditional French melody 17 C.            |
| The Welcome  |  |   |
| The Carol  | <b><i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i></b>     | STILLE NACHT, Joseph Mohr, Franz Gruber             |
| The Call to Worship  | <i>This, Tonight, Is the Meeting Place</i> | from Cloth for the Cradle, Iona Community           |
| The Solo   | <i>One Still Night</i>                     | Neil & Kate DeGraide                                |
| The Scripture Lesson   |  | Luke 2:1-7  |
| The Carol  | <b><i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i></b>      | ADESTE FIDELES, Latin hymn, John F. Wade            |
| The Reading ( <i>From the perspective of Simeon as he finally beholds the long-awaited Christ!</i> )   |  | Kevin Kruienza                                      |
| Hanging the Jesse Tree Ornaments   |  |   |
| The Advent Song & Lighting the Advent Wreath   | <i>One Light</i>                           | Lorraine Nelson Wolf                                |
| The Scripture Lesson   |  | Luke 2:8-15   |
| *The Carol   | <b><i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i></b>   | ST. LOUIS, Phillips Brooks, Lewis H. Redner         |
| The Scripture Lesson   |  | Luke 2:16-20  |
| The Meditation   | <b>“Making Room for the King”</b>          |   |
| The Christmas Prayer   |  |   |
| Lighting the Christ Candle   |  |   |
| Leader 1: Rejoice, people of God! The light has come into the world. O God, now we light the candle of Your nativity!  |  |   |
| Leader 2: With the company of heaven and with sounds of great joy, You come to us. This is the time of light and resplendent joy.  |  |   |
| Leader 3: The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time when those who walked in the shadows would see a great light. A light would shine and a child would be born to us..   |  |   |
| Leader 4: The evangelist Luke painted the nativity sky and repeated the heavenly song of the angels, “Glory, peace on earth and goodwill!” John declared that this great light is Christ, the Word made flesh. This great light lives among us. By it we behold God’s glory – full of grace and truth. |  |   |
| Leader 5: We rejoice at Christ’s birth.  |  |   |
| Leader 6: God, our Life and Light, thank You for coming to us. Thank You for touching all heaven and earth with Your splendor. In every corner of the world, shine with Your peace. In every corner of our hearts, shine this night with Your grace. Amen.   |  |   |
| The Solo   | <i>O Holy Night</i>                        | Adolphe Adam, Cappeau DeRoquemaure, arr. Mark Hayes |
| The Reading  | <i>The Decree</i>                          | Ann Weems   |
| *The Carol   | <b><i>Joy to the World</i></b>             | ANTIOCH, Isaac Watts, Lowell Mason                  |
| *The Benediction   |  |   |

\*The Postlude

*God Rest Ye Merry with Carol of the Bells* Traditional English Carol, Mykola Leontovych  
arr. By Carole Neuen-Rabinowitz

\*All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders:**

Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Pastor Matt, Mary, Emma and Sam Cook, Mary Cook; Organ – Beth Sweers; Soloists – Emma Cook, Susie Jolink, Lou & Bob Stelma; Violin – Marilyn Brannen, Barb Vander Heide; Viola – Mal Brannen; Cello – Kevin Sweers