## **Christmas Eve Service**

6:30 PM

(unison)

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

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PRELUDE	Advent Medley	Hand Bell Choir
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INTROIT	"Lo How a Rose"	Male Ensemble & Tuba
THE PROMISED ONE	Isaiah 9:2-7	(Page 494 Old Testament)
*CAROL #170		"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Great God of power, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came to save us from our sin. We thank you for the prophets' hope, the angels' song, the wondrous birth in Bethlehem. We thank you that in Jesus you joined us, sharing human pain and joy, and granting us eternal life.

In these quiet moments, grant us your light and you peace. Illumine our lives with the wonderful tidings that a Savior has been born. Stand beside us. Strengthen our spirit of faith, grant us the power to see your truth, and challenge us to move onward knowing that you are indeed Emmanuel, God with us, forevermore. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC	"Away In a Manger"	Mandy Shafer, Flute		
Mary and Joseph				
SCRIPTURE	Luke 1:46-55 F	age 44 New Testament)		
CAROL #167	"Gel	ntle Mary Laid Her Child"		
MEDITATION				
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	"Some Children See H	<i>lim"</i> Kevin Dillio		

## <u>The Birth</u>

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN					
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:8-14	(Page 44 New Testament)			
ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING					
PIANO CAROL	"Carol of the Bells	" Hannalee Ellison			
*CAROL #169 "V	Vhile Shepherds Wa	tched Their Flocks by Night"			
Wise Men Visit					
SCRIPTURE		Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 1 NT)			
RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS					
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	"Good News"	Bill & Rebecca Kalsbeek			
PRAYER					
Son and Children					
SCRIPTURE	Galatians 4:4-7 (Page 145 New Testament)				
MEDITATION					
CANDLELIGHTING #154	4	"Silent Night!"			
*CAROL #161		"Joy to the World!"			
*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE "		"Messiah Now Has Come"			
*POSTLUDE					

\*The congregation may stand.