

Christmas Eve Service

6:30 PM

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor
Dr. Lonietta Cornwall, Music Director Jennifer Legg, M. Div.

PRELUDE *“Ukrainian Bell Carol”* Hand Bell Choir

VOTUM

THE PROMISED ONE

Isaiah 9:2-7 Unison Reading #38 (Page 509 Hymnal)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

Chancel Choir

***CAROL #168**

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

(unison)

Gracious Father, we rejoice this evening that you loved us so much that you gave us your Son to be our Savior. We are thankful that Jesus loved us so much that he gladly left the splendors of heaven to be born as a human baby in the stable in Bethlehem. We are thankful that you are a God of love.

We ask that as we rejoice in the remembrance of Jesus’ holy birth, we may welcome him in our hearts as Lord and Savior. Inspire us to give ourselves in gladness and gratitude and to show our desire to honor him in the willing service of others. And may the glad tidings of your grace in Jesus Christ soon be proclaimed throughout all the world. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Song of Mary”

Chancel Choir

Mary and Joseph

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46-55

(Page 44 New Testament)

CAROL#167

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25

(Page 1 New Testament)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Pieta”

Choir
Mandy Shafer, Flute

The Birth

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14 (Page 44 New Testament)

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

People: Tonight we rejoice and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. We are thankful that Jesus came to be the light of our world. Help our lives to shine each day, reflecting the joy of having Jesus in our hearts. Amen.

MEDITATION

*CAROL #169 *"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"*

Wise Men Visit

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12 (Page 1 New Testament)

MEDITATION "Overwhelmed with Joy"

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"Glory Hallelujah to the Newborn King"* Chancel Choir

CAROL #156 *"The First Noel"*

PRAYER

Children and Heirs

SCRIPTURE Galatians 4:4-7 (Page 145 New Testament)

CANDLELIGHTING #154 *"Silent Night!"*

*CAROL #161 *"Joy to the World!"*

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *"Gloria in excelsis"*

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.