

Christmas Eve Service

6:30 PM

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

Jennifer Legg, M. Div.

PRELUDE

“Away In a Manger”

Hand Bell Choir
Mandy Shafer, Conductor

VOTUM

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Chancel Choir
“Glory Hallelujah to Our Newborn King”

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,
But now he has spoken to us through the Son.

He is the one through whom God created the universe.

He shines with the brightness of God’s glory;

He is the exact likeness of God’s own being,

And he sustains the universe with his powerful word.

***CAROL #170**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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

“O Holy Night”

Doug Sonderfan, Tenor

Jesus’ Birth Foretold

SCRIPTURE – Unison Reading #38

(p. 509 Hymnal)

CAROL #162

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Mary and Joseph

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:21-38 (p. 45 NT)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Bob Dey, Bass, Chancel Choir
"Mary Did You Know"

Jesus Is Born

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7 (p. 44 NT)

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.

CAROL #184

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

The Shepherds Respond

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-20

(p. 44 NT)

***CAROL #158**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Wise Men Respond

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

(p. 1 NT)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Mandy Shafer, Flute
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

CAROL #176

"We Three Kings"

Our Response

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:5-11

(p. 145 NT)

MEDITATION

"Christmas Isn't For Children"

PRAYER

CANDLELIGHTING #154

"Silent Night!"

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE #161**

"Joy to the World!"

*The congregation may stand.



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My sister, Barbara Kennedy
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Wendy Offermann
Audrey Ringen
Our parents
Rosalie Davis, Marge Tighe

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