

# Wednesday, December 24, 2025

\*In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.

## Welcome & Announcements

### Ringing of the Bell and Lighting of the Candles

Prelude "O Holy Night" Arr. McDonald

Lighting of the Christ Candle ~ Paul Loverin Family

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Can one night make such a difference?

**People: Can one star outshine all others?**

Leader: Can one baby change a world?

**People: Yes, a thousand times yes!**

Leader: On a night like this night,

**People: With stars shining so bright,**

Leader: One birth changed the world.

**People: Yes, even this night,**

Leader: Hope springs afresh,

**People: Joy leaps in every song,**

Leader: Forgiveness sets loose new possibilities,

**People: Love flows from heart to heart.**

Leader: Can one night make such a difference?

**People: Yes, a thousand times yes!**

### \*Prayer of Invocation

\*Opening Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Page 182

### Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7

Adult Choir "A Simple Stable"

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14

\*Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" Page 188

Scripture Reading Luke 2:15-20

### Worshiping God with our Offerings

Offertory "What Child is This" Arr. McDonald

Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn "Joy to the World" Page 179

Sermon "Glory to God" Rev. Norwalk

### The Service of Holy Communion

The Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**There are times when we have cut ourselves off from this gift of presence. We distance ourselves from the hope that is ours as heirs in the family of God. It seems too wonderful a gift. And yet the Shepherd comes to find us, leading us gently back into safety, back into care, back into relationship. In this moment, we take a deep breath, we feel our bodies relax into the right here, and right now, and we acknowledge those regrets that are best to let go...**

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

One: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them up to God!**

One: Let us give thanks.

**All: It's so right to do.**

One: We open our hearts

**All: To let all gifts flow through.**

Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)

**Most Holy God, our lives are touched by your gracious presence. You touch us with the messages of hope, peace, joy and love which are all embodied in the light given by our Savior, Jesus Christ. The moments at this table are preparing us to receive him anew within our hearts and lives. Send us as messengers of all that he has called us to be. Amen.**

**\*A Service of Candlelight**

*"Silent Night"*

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**\*Closing Prayer and Benediction**

**\*Benediction in Song** *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"* Page 614

**\*Postlude**

*"Good Christian Men Rejoice"*

Arr. Torrans



Special thanks to Ann Smith,  
Rev. Tom Norwalk and Rev. Doug  
Zimmerman for leading us on this  
blessed evening.

Merry Christmas

SILENT NIGHT  
*Holy 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 thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

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Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
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