

## CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2023

4:00 p.m.

### GATHERING

PRELUDE      *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*      arr. Shackley

INTROIT      *Good Christian Men Rejoice*      Bell Choir

WELCOME

\*CHRISTMAS PRAYER (unison)

***Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.***

\*CAROL      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*      234, vs. 1, 2, 3, 6

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE

*Judy Knoblock, Paul, Dee Ann, Lauren, Avery Ellis*

Song      *A Candle is Burning*      (tune: Away in the Manger)  
*A candle is burning, a candle of love,  
A candle to point us to heaven above,  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our Earth.*

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS      Beth Peterson

MUSIC      *Angels Carol*      Rutter  
*Becky Netherland and Stephanie Yonkers*

SCRIPTURE      *Isaiah 9:2-7*

DUET      *Hope Was Born This Night*  
*Vocals: Brielle Doherty and Keira Read;*  
*French Horn: Melissa and Skylar Read*

\*GOSPEL      *Luke 2:1-20*

\*CAROL      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*      230

MESSAGE      *Road to Bethlehem*  
*Diana Berger and David McNulty*

SOLO      *O Holy Night*      Adolphe Adam  
*Kent Smith*

### LITANY OF CHRISTMAS

Leader:      In the beginning and in the midst of darkness, God spoke.

**All:      Let there be light.**

Leader:      In the beginning was the Word. And the Word came and dwelt among us. And the Word was the light of all peoples.

**All:      Let there be light.**

Leader:      We light our candles, knowing that the One who is the source and promise of all light is the One whose birth we celebrate.

**All:      Let there be light.**

Leader:      We are here to seek a little light by which we can see, by which we can live, by which we can love.

**All:      Let there be light.**

Leader:      We need to know that we are part of something greater than the flicker of our own little candles. We long to be assured that the light of Christ is with us even in the moment.

**All:      Let there be light.**

Leader:      So, we light our candles in gratitude for the love and light that shine through the babe born in Bethlehem who became the Redeemer of us all.

**All: Let there be light.**

Leader: May we be so emboldened as to share the love of God with a world longing for light and hope, purpose, and love. May our actions and generosity shine in a world under the shadow of despair.

**All: Let there be light.**

Leader: We join the chorus of those whose carols have echoed through the years -- "O come to us, abide in us, our Lord, Emmanuel."

**All: Let there be light.**

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

CAROL *There's a Song in the Air* 249

#### COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

#### OFFERING

*All loose coins and singles in the offering plate will go to Care for Real.*

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#### \*SHARING THE LIGHT

\*CAROL *Silent Night, Holy Night* 239  
***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.***

***Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend  
thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!***

#### SENDING FORTH

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*CAROL *Joy to the World* 246

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* Bell Choir

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USHER: Curtis Corbige  
ACOLYTE: Ryan Granzow  
LAY READER: Donna Kwiatkowski

***Come to Sunday morning worship and Sunday school at 10 am.***

**OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO ARE SHARING A POINSETTIA**

Plants may be taken home after the 4:00 p.m. service.

Cummings Family in memory of Paul and Dorothy Bailey

Cummings Family in memory of Glenn and Madeline Cummings

Cummings Family in memory of Louise Zelizink

Della and Bob Deme in honor of our grandsons, Robert and John

David and Linda Duback in memory of Mary Duback Milliren

Helen Jo and Steve Ellis in memory of Amenn and Tom Martin;

Helen and Chet Ellis

Field and Granzow Families in memory of Carl Field

Bonnie and Rob Frame in memory of Andy Roy Frame, our beloved son

Jim and Sharon Gernady to the glory of God

Marie and Dick Hoffman in honor of our parents

Hutchins Family in memory of our parents: Ross, Lillian, Flo and Ralph

Judy Knoblock in memory of Peggy Berglund, my beloved gardening mentor

Geary and Lydia Larrick in honor of Pastor Eun-Hye Choi and Chris Walters

Geary and Lydia Larrick to the glory of God for GUMC

Lauren Locke in memory of Lou Locke

Lauren Locke in memory of Charles Locke

Meg Pyterek to the glory of God

Mariann and David Randle in memory of Rev. Burton Randle

Rev. Marilyn Robb in honor of my daughter Karalee Robb

Dale and Laura Sailer in memory of Judy Zimmerman

Sarane and Bruce Siewerth in memory of all our Sidenius, Carlson, Siewerth  
and Crowther ancestors, who first taught us about Christmas

Chris Walters in honor of Pete and Frankie Walters

Dwayne and Sharlene Willoughby in memory of Mom Erica Doris Hall