

RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

Offering

Offertory

*Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head*

*arr., Marilyn Ham*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Eucharistic Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Prayer After Communion

Lighting the Candles

\*Hymn 122 (GTG)

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

STILLE NACHT

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.

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

*arr., Linda McKechnie*

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\* denotes standing as able.

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READERS: Lauren Capie, Wyatt Herndon

LITURGIST: Ansley Tweedell SOLOISTS: Christina Noel Reaves, Laura Foskey, & Carolyn Hatfield

TRUMPETS: Jerry & Micah Shannon, & Warren Combs

Please remember to pick up an envelope for the "Meals On Wheels" offering!

*"Peace and Joy to all this Christmas Season!"*



*“Glory  
to God  
in the highest,  
and on earth  
peace among  
those with whom,  
he is pleased!”*

*Luke 2:14, ESV*

*Christmas Eve Worship*

*December 24, 2022*

# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: White      Christmas Eve Worship      5:30pm Worship

*"This service of lessons and carols originates from a 1918 Christmas Eve service at King's College Chapel, University of Cambridge, England."*

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### PREPARATION

*Star Medley*      arr., Marilyn Ham  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
*What Child Is This?*  
*The First Noel*

### WELCOME

### VOLUNTARY

*The Snow Lay on the Ground*      arr., Henry Hallstrom

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Arora Family

"Good news of great joy," the angel said, "for to you a savior is born."

"Peace on earth," the choir sang, "for God reigns in the highest."

"Follow me," the star beckoned, "For Hope was born in Bethlehem."

*(The Christ candle is lit)*

As we light the Christ candle,

**we watch for the Christmas story around us.**

Emmanuel has come and is coming.

**Come, all ye faithful, and worship God.**

### \*HYMN

"Advent Song"

C. Brock

**Light the Christmas candle, now: Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow;  
birthday candles for our King, let the Alleluias ring!**

**Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;  
Candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

## LESSONS & CAROLS

### First Reading

Carol #123  
(verses 1 & 2)

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"  
*(you are invited to remain seated for the singing of the carols)*

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CAROL

### Second Reading

### Musical Selection

*Were You There on that Christmas Night*

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Natalie Sleeth

### Third Reading

Carol #119  
(verses 1 & 2)

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Luke 1:26-35, 38

MENDELSSOHN

### Fourth Reading

Carol #115

"Away in a Manger"

Luke 2:1-7

MUELLER

### Fifth Reading

Carol #113

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Luke 2:8-20

GLORIA

### Sixth Reading

Carol #151  
(verses 1 & 2)

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Matthew 2:1-11

KINGS OF CHRIST

### Seventh Reading

Carol #134  
(verses 1 & 5)

"Joy to the World"

John 1:1-14

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