

RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

OFFERING *Nativity Carol* John Rutter

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC *O, Holy Night!* Adolphe Adam

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*HYMN 122 “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 *What Child Is This?* arr., Joel Raney

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Christmas Eve Worship
5:30pm
December 24, 2023

Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: White Service of Lessons and Carols 5:30pm Worship

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

This service of lessons and carols originates from a 1918 Christmas Eve service at Kings College Chapel, University of Cambridge, England.

PREPARATION *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* arr., Heather Sorenson

WELCOME

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

“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 126 “Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child” WONDERFUL CHILD
Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child. Jesus, Jesus,
so holy, meek and mild;
new life, new HOPE the child will bring. Listen to the angels sing:
“Glory, glory, glory!” Let the heavens ring.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

LESSONS & CAROLS

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CAROL #123 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (verses 1-2) CAROL
Note: You are invited to remain seated for the singing of the carols.

SECOND READING Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

CAROL #121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (verses 1-2) ST. LOUIS

THIRD READING Luke 1:26-35, 38

CAROL #119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (verses 1-2) MENDELSSOHN

FOURTH READING Luke 2:1-7

CAROL #115 “Away in a Manger” (all 3 verses) MUELLER

FIFTH READING Luke 2:8-20

CAROL #113 “Angels We Have Heard on High” (all 3 verses) GLORIA

SIXTH READING Matthew 2: 1-11

CAROL #151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (verses 1-2) J. H. Hopkins, Jr

SEVENTH READING John 1: 1-14

CAROL #134 “Joy to the World” (verses 1 and 4) ANTIOCH