

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Christmas Eve Worship
5:30pm
December 24, 2024

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: White Carols, Communion, & Candlelight 5:30pm

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon* arr., Michael Clawson

WELCOME

VOLUNTARY *I Wonder As I Wander* John Jacob Niles

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CHRIST CANDLE The Foskey Family

"I bring you 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 is born in Bethlehem."

As we light the Christ candle,

we watch for the Christmas story around us.

[The Christ Candle is lit]

We welcome Emmanuel into our midst – God is with us.

Come, all ye faithful, and let us worship God!

*HYMN 133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

*A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2: 1-20

The children are invited forward for the reading of the Christmas Story

CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION *Let It Out!*

Rev. Tom Buchanan

CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS IN CAROLS

*The congregation is invited to remain seated for the singing of the carols,
except for the last, "Joy to the World".*

CAROL 113 (all verses)	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	GLORIA
CAROL 115 (all verses)	"Away in a Manger"	CRADLE SONG
CAROL 119 (verses 1 & 2)	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	MENDELSSOHN
CAROL 121 (verses 1 & 2)	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	ST LOUIS
CAROL 123 (verses 1 & 2)	"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"	CAROL
CAROL 140 (verses 1 & 4)	"Once in Royal David's City"	IRBY
*CAROL 134 (verses 1 & 4)	"Joy to the World"	ANTIOCH

RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

OFFERING

Angels Carol

by John Rutter

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER including concerns and celebrations

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Life up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP BY INTINCTION

Server: The body of Christ was broken for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

Server: The blood of Christ was shed for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*HYMN 122

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

STILLE NACHT

(Congregation lifts candles when we refer to LIGHT)

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.

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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* denotes standing as able.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi

Lisa Buchanan, voice; Laura Foskey, voice; Christina Noel Reaves, voice