

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018

PRELUDE Infant Holy, Infant Lowly/ Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella

arr. Coffman
Suzanne Coffman, violin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND CHRIST CANDLES *(please remain standing)*

Hear the words of the Prophet Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

"His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this."

We stand on the brink of God's time and light again the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

We light the Christ Candle to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus, the light coming into the world.

(Please pause as we light the candles, then respond.)

Loving God, come and shine your light in the world!

HYMN 140

Once in Royal David's City

1st stanza - solo

2nd stanza - choir

3rd and 4th stanzas – choir and congregation

ANTHEM

A Celtic Silent Night

arr. Tierney

THE NATIVITY STORY

Harbor View Children's Choir

ANTHEM

Still, Still, Still

arr. Mengel

HYMN 119

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

LESSON

John 1:1-18

HOMILY

Light and Life

Rev. Deane Kemper

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. John 1:9

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The First Noel

arr. McChesney
Handbells

DOXOLOGY *(standing)*



SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

(Worshippers will move from the pews and form a large circle around the perimeter of the sanctuary. The pastor will take the flame from the Christ candle and light the candle of one worshiper, who will then pass the light to the next person, until all candles are lighted. This is a symbol of the light of Christ going around the world. Please tip your unlighted candle to the lighted candle to receive the flame and then pass it to the next person the same way.)

INTERLUDE

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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CANDLELIGHT HYMN

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

HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
 over the hills and everywhere;
 go, tell it on the mountain
 that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
 o'er silent flocks by night,
 behold, throughout the heavens
 there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled
 when lo! above the earth
 rang out the angel chorus
 that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

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CAST OF THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY

Mary: Eva Benson
Joseph: Sumter Wilson
Shepherds: Seth Copeland and Will Hauss
Angels: Lily Olson, Aurora Worsham and Penelope Worsham

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