

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*(gluten free bread served)*

Response of Praise and Prayer (Unison)

O God, You have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that light on earth, may also enjoy Him perfectly in heaven, where with You and the Holy Spirit He lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory

\*Gloria Patri No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Candle Lighting

\*Carol

*Silent Night*

No. 122

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 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

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FOR  
unto us a  
*Child* is born,  
unto us a *Son* is given;  
And the government will  
be upon His shoulder. And His  
name will be called *Wonderful,*  
*Counselor,* MIGHTY GOD,  
*Everlasting Father,*  
PRINCE OF PEACE.  
ISAIAH 9:6 NKJV

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**Prayer of Preparation**  
Good and gracious God, on this holy night You gave us Your Son, the Lord of the Universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of Your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing Your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Welcoming**  
**For sight impaired worshipers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshipers:** We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

\*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

**Prelude**  
  
**Lighting the Advent Wreath**  
Leader: We have watched; we have waited

**People:** in hope.  
for peace.  
in joy!  
with love.  
Now our redemption draws near!

Hear the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 9:2-7  
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. You have multiplied the nation, You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a Child has been born for us, a Son is 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.  
**People:** Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia! Amen!

\*Hymn of Praise O Little Town of Bethlehem No. 121

\*Prayer of Confession (Responsive)  
Leader: O God, we need Christ to renew our commitment.  
**People:** We confess that our lack of faith has made us fearful.  
Leader: May Your angels sing again to us of peace for body and soul.  
**People:** We acknowledge that we have foolishly let our desires lead us astray.

(Silent Confession in preparation for communion)

Leader: May Your star once more set our course firmly in Your direction.  
**People:** We have turned our faith into a lifeless ritual.  
Leader: May Your manger call us again to expressions of love and devotion.  
**People:** We have carefully kept our gifts and have not freely given our goods and our hearts to You.  
Leader: May the Magi show us the spirit of giving.  
**People:** Lord, may Your Spirit linger in our hearts and bring renewal in our lives. Amen.

\*Assurance of God’s Grace  
She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.  
—Matthew 1:21, NIV

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 96:7-10 Pew Bible page 426  
Leader: The word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 2:1-20 Pew Bible page 723  
Leader: The word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Meditation The Christ Child is Born Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*Hymn of the Day It Came Upon the Midnight Clear No. 123

\*Profession of Faith (Responsive) John 1:1-5, 9-14, NRSV  
Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
**People:** He was in the beginning with God.  
Leader: All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being.  
**People:** What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.  
Leader: The light shines in the darkness,  
**People:** and the darkness did not overcome it.  
Leader: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.  
**People:** He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him; yet the world did not know Him.  
Leader: He came to what was His own,  
**People:** and His own people did not accept Him.  
Leader: But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God,  
**People:** who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.  
Leader: And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
**People:** and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.

Sacrament of Communion