

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

7:00 PM – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2015

Christmas Eve

Prelude

Statement of Purpose

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life.
The promise is fulfilled!

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Leader: Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

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Leader: Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invades midnight.
The Light of the World has come.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Leader: And this Light is a light for all; igniting a flame in the soul,
warming us from within, radiating love, lighting our lives
with presence of God-come-alive in human flesh with us and
among us now and always.

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace,
good will to all.**

***The Lighting of the Christ Candle**

***Hymn**

“Joy to the World”

#143

***Invocation**

Bidding Prayer

☞ Come, Let Us Go, Even Unto Bethlehem ☞

The Announcement to Mary **Luke 1:26-38**
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (vss. 1&3) #150

The Birth of Jesus **Luke 2:1-7**
“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vss. 1&4) #144

The Angels Announce the Good News **Luke 2:8-14**
“Angels We Have Heard on High” #155

The Shepherds Came with Haste **Luke 2:15-20**
“O Holy Night” David McCrickard
And Choir

The Light of the Word **John 1:1-5**
“What Child is This” #162

Christmas Meditation

☞ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION & OFFERING ☞

All followers of Christ are invited to share in the Lord’s Supper.

Communion Hymn
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vss. 1&4) #148

Words of Institution

Prayers of Blessing *Special Christmas Music*
Please come forward to receive the Lord’s Supper

***Closing Hymn** *(printed on back)*
“Silent Night”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**You are invited to stand*

Please extinguish your candles and place them in the baskets as you leave the sanctuary.



Silent Night, Holy Night

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



A CHILD
HAS BEEN
BORN FOR US,
A SON IS GIVEN
TO US;
AUTHORITY RESTS
UPON HIM; AND
HE IS NAMED
JESUS.



