Light
Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light.
—Silent Night

I am the light of the world. John 8:12
December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve Worship
The Christ Candle

Worship Leaders:
Rev. Jeremy R. Wood, Senior Pastor & Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director

We are God's children called to seek, share, teach, and continue to experience the Word of God.

Pre-Service
Theresa Piskackova
Ringing of the Bell
Prelude
Jim Annable
“O Holy Night”
Introit
Adeste Fideles
* Opening Carol
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” insert
* Invocation
* Prayer of Confession
Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn’t see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin. Free us from our captivity. Free us to a life lived in joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri
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.

Prophecy Reading
Isaiah 9:2-7

Time with the Children
The Christ Candle

Special Music
Jim Annable (4 pm)
“Theres a New Kid in Town”
“All Through the Silent Night” Salem Ringers (11 pm)

Gospel Reading
Luke 2:1-20
Sermon  “The Holy, Unexpected”

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Invitation
At this time, you may give online, in the offering box in the Narthex, or by mailing your offerings to the church office.

The Celebration of Communion

* Communion Carol  “What Child Is This?”  insert

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Communion Prayer
The Lord be with you.  And also with you
Open your hearts.  We open them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
   It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Gifts of God

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Closing Carol  “Silent Night”  back

* The Lord’s Prayer

* Benediction

* Postlude

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* Indicates where you may stand, if able; bold print indicates where the congregation reads.
Sermon take home sheets are located on the table in the Narthex.
Call to Worship: Feasting on the Word, Kimberly Long, editor.
Benediction: Aaronic Blessing – Numbers 6:24-26, KJV.

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Large print song sheets are available upon request.  Please see an usher.
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
   O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.
   O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,
   Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb.
   Very God, begotten, not created.
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.
   O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
   Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
   Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.
   O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning.
   Jesus, to Thee be glory given.
   Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.
   O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
“What Child Is This?”

What child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.
“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

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.