

Joy to the World!

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December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Announcements, Welcome and Joys

Lighting of the Advent Candles – Sara Lavecchio, Dolores Rupert

Prelude: Gesù Bambino Pietro Yon
Organ - Liam McCormick

Call to Worship:

L: Because Christ has been born in the world,

P: people who walked in darkness now live in great light.

L: Because Christ has been born in the world, we respond in wonder:

P: with the angels, we sing glory to God;

with the shepherds, we share the good news;

with Mary, we ponder the words of this night.

and the Word that has come into the world: Immanuel.

***Carol:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #173

***Call to Confession**

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of Love Incarnate,

We confess that, with the shepherds, we are terrified of your glory; for in glory's light we see plainly all that is wrong in the world: how oppression still enslaves; how garments of war are still stained with blood; how those seeking refuge still find no place of safety. We also see what is wrong in us: how passionately we pursue the things of this world, but forget to ponder the mystery of faith; how we do not practice the peace you intend in our relationships, our community, or even in the church. Forgive us, we pray, and help us not to be afraid. Like the shepherds, we want to follow and find you. In the Savior's name we pray. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel;

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Carol Medley (1st Verse of each):

“Away in a Manger”

#147

“The First Noel”

#162

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

#171

SHARING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Faith and Fun Time

Anthems:

“Born, God’s Only Son”

Grier-Everson

“Christmas Bells Are Gladly Ringing”

James M. Martin

New Testament Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Solo: “O Holy Night”

Adolph Adam

Baritone – Steven McCormack

Meditation:

Reverend Sarah Craven

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (using ‘debts’)

Offering

Offertory: “May We Enter the Stable?”

Hugh Livingston

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

#809

Candle Lighting

When lighting your candle, please exercise caution. Dip your unlighted candle when lighting it from your neighbor, not the lighted one.

Carol: “Silent Night”

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Benediction

***Carol:** “Joy to the World”

#146

*Please stand if able

Worship Leader: David Hancock

Silent 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,
Al-le-lu-ia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

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