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Christmas
Eve Service



Prelude	<i>What Child Is This?</i> <i>How Far is it to Bethlehem?</i> <i>See Amid the Winter's Snow</i> <i>Still, Still, Still</i> <i>Silent Night</i>	Mark Sweeney Chancel Choir Mark Sweeney Chancel Choir Mark Sweeney
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Greetings

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.
People: We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!

The Biblical Story — In Reading, Song & Pageant

Narrator	Judy & Phil Michel
Mary	Melody Stanberry
Joseph	Kyle Stanberry
ShepherdsDaniel Cronkleton, Iain & Isaac Cline
Kings	Steve Bixler, Terry McManis, Bob Nugent

*Hymn of Reflection *What Child is This?* No. 53

Celebration of the Biblical Story

*Processional Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* No. 41

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting Brad & Michelle Cline
 Tonight is Christmas Eve. Tonight we celebrate God in a manger and rejoice at the news delivered by the angelic host: “For unto us is born in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah and the Lord. This will be a sign for you: You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth, lying in a manger.” With haste the shepherds made their way to Bethlehem to see for themselves and so must we. May we find our kneeling place beside the shepherds this night and may we rejoice with the angelic host that Christ has been born and so has hope for the world.

Light the Christ candle

Let us pray: O God our Immanuel, on this night of nights may we be ready to receive the Good News from angelic messengers that cause us to leave our flocks to see a baby wrapped in bands of cloth and behold our salvation as shepherds did long ago. And like the shepherds may we leave this place forever changed by our encounter with the Christ child. Amen.

First Reading Luke 2:1-7

Anthem *O Holy Night*
 Gretchen Bixler, Soprano arr. Adams

Second Reading Luke 2:8-20

Homily “*The Subversive within the Sacred as Luke Tells it*”
 Rev. Dr. Brent Johnston

*Hymn of Response *Joy to the World!* No. 40

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Robert MacGimsey
 Sarah Gutierrez, Alto; Steve Bixler, Guitar

*Prayer of Dedication

Living Out the Biblical Story

*Sharing the Light Hymn *Silent Night, Holy Night* No. 60
 Steve Bixler, Guitar

(During this hymn the pastor will light a candle from the Christ Candle and the ushers will come forward to light their candles. Then the ushers will light the candles of the persons at the end of each pew.)

*Benediction
 Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

*Postlude *O Come, All Ye Faithful* David Cherwien

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)