

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2020

4:30PM

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

“Noel Joyeaux”

Gordon Young

WORDS OF WELCOME & WORSHIP

Madison Gulley

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Tonight, we conclude our Advent journey as we light the Christ Candle, welcoming the One promised in scripture.

Many: He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

One: We share the love shown to us by the Prince of Peace.

Many: He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

All: Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Let us worship our God!

ADVENT READING AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Madison and Noah Gulley

ADVENT PRAYER OF LOVE (Unison)

The whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four letter word...LOVE. You sent Your gift of pure love to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in the scratchy hay of a manger in a meager barn in Bethlehem. All of Your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby and wrapped in swaddling clothes. Help us to reflect on the magnitude of love that was made manifest in Jesus. To You we say, “Come, Lord Jesus, Come!” Amen, Alleluia.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Gesu Bambino”
Sydney Windham, Soprano

arr. Frederick Martens

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 107:4-8

SERMON

**Christmas Gifts
Love
Luke 2:8-12**

Louis Imsande

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Holy Night”
Sydney Windham, Soprano

Adolph Adam

GIFTS FOR THE KING

RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Away in a Manger”

arr. Jason Krug

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE LIGHT

SHARING THE LIGHT & PEACE OF CHRIST

(Please take care with the open flames;

Parents supervising children are asked to pay special attention)

HYMN

“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!”

(Lift Candles High)

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.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING & BENEDICTION

(The congregation’s candles should be extinguished following the Benediction)

POSTLUDE

“What Child Is This?”

arr. Ruth E. Schram

Pastor

Director of Music Ministries

Director of Family Ministries

The Rev. Louis Imsande

Dr. Lana S. Pollard

Madison Gulley

HAVE A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

John 1

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the Light of all people. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the Light, but he came to testify to the Light. The true Light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him; yet the world did not know Him. He came to what was His own, and His own people did not accept Him. But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Poinsettias

*If you purchased a poinsettia,
you may pick it up after the worship service.*

Christmas Schedule

***The church office will be closed:
December 25th and January, 1st***

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Love God
Love People