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# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24, 2018 7:00 p.m.

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We extend a warm welcome to all who have gathered in worship tonight. As a church we wish you the joy of this holy season, and the blessings of God throughout the coming year!

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

**Prelude**

Dr. Christianne Rushton

**Invocation**

\* **Opening Carol: “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;

Refrain:

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, glory in the highest: Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: Refrain

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath - John and Lana Churchill**

Behold, I bring you good news of great joy; for to you is born in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord!

**Jesus has arrived in grace and mystery, renewing faded hopes and announcing peace to a weary world.**

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favours!

**Jesus comes among us in power and glory inspiring fresh Christmas joy and calling us to lives that are full of God's love.**

Jesus, the light of the world, is born.

**Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corners of our lives. Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corners of our world. God is with us.**

*Light the Christ Candle*

Let us pray:

**God of grace and glory, as we celebrate this Christmas, transform our hearts and our lives so that your Good News is not an old story but a fresh truth lived out every day through the power of Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Response:** "One Candle is Lit" (vs 5)  
Come listen, the sounds of God with us ring clear,  
and signs of a cross in the distance appear.  
The Word once made flesh, yet the Word ever near.  
One candle is lit for the Christ-birthday here.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Ministry of Music:** "Christmas Grace" Sanctuary Choir

**Scripture:** **Luke 2:1-20**

\* **Carol:** "Hark the Herald"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
[Refrain:] Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity.  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! [Refrain]

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

**The Offering**

\* **Offertory** "In the Bleak Midwinter" (vs 4) 55  
What shall I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,  
Yet what can I give him--- give my heart. AMEN.

**Solo:** **Mary Did You Know?** Christianne Rushton

**Meditation** **Is There Any Room for God?** Don Flowers

## **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that God has come to us as a little child,  
making our weakness his strength,  
securing our salvation by becoming one of us,  
blessing us with a steadfast savior,  
filling our hearts with joy to be shared with one another.

We believe that God has birthed righteousness and justice into the world,

giving us a law that will be written upon our hearts,  
making the cause of the oppressed the highest priority,  
declaring an everlasting reign of peace,  
defeating the power of pain and suffering.

We believe that God calls us to participate in this reality of love,  
inviting us to proclaim Christ's resurrection at the Table,  
transforming us as disciples to go out into the world,  
sending us forth to announce his kingdom of peace and comfort,  
challenging us to see everyone as nothing less than beloved children.

This we believe.

This we preach.

This we seek to embody in word and deed.

## **Celebration of Communion**

**Scripture**                      **Isaiah 9:2-7**

### **Sharing the Light**

\* **Carol:**                      **"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 Hallelujah.  
Christ the saviour is born, Christ the saviour 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.

## **Benediction**