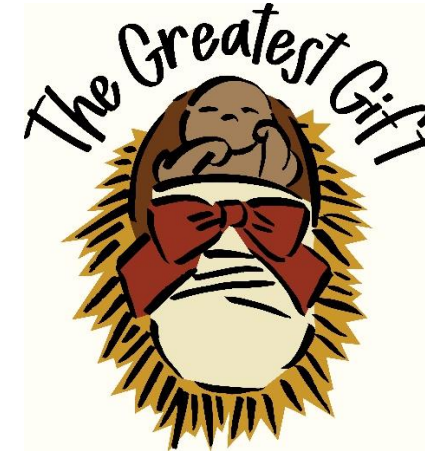


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Christmas Eve



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An Open and Affirming Church

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Christmas Eve Worship

9:00 p.m.

Call of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Leanne Walt

Prelude

Sussex Carol English carol; Arr. Dale Wood
Ting Sung, harp Karen Harvey, piano

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Rev. Leanne Walt

You summon us, Lord,
in the coming of night and in the dawning of the star.

You summon us, Lord,
to the edge of the empire,
to the altar of a poor child's cradle,
to a miracle beyond reason.

All earth is lifted in communion.

All life smiles upon its King.

Hearts still and ears listen
to hear the prophets and the angels sing the good news for
all people:

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government shall be upon his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*Hymn

#148 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* v. 1, 2, 4 ADESTE FIDELES

Service of the Word

First Lesson

The Angel Visits Mary

Luke 1:26-38
Deb Wooten

Sharing the Light

#145 *Silent Night* v.1, 3, 4 (seated)

STILLE NACHT

1. 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.
3. 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.
4. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born, Christ, the Savior, is born.

*Hymn

#143 *Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*Benediction

Postlude

Christmas Joy
Ting Sung, harp

Traditional carols;
Arr. Svetlana Yatsky

*Standing to praise God

Please extinguish your candle at the close of the service and
place your candle in the baskets before you leave.

Response *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL
Ting Sung, harp Louise Bombardieri, Melissa Crichton,
Ellie Hill, Carrie Sorokoff, handbells

Second Lesson Mary and Elizabeth Luke 1:39-45
Carol Mosel

Response #128 *One Candle Is Lit* v. 1, 3 CRADLE SONG

Third Lesson The Birth in Bethlehem Luke 2:1-7
Chuck Wildman

Response *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Karen Harvey
Sanctuary Choir

Fourth Lesson The Shepherds and the Angels Luke 2:8-14
Brianna Benedict

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Fifth Lesson The Shepherds Worship Luke 2:15-20
Steve Smith

Response *Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella* French carol
Ting Sung, harp

Sixth Lesson The Gifts of the Magi Matthew 2:1-11
Rev. Ashley Popperson

Response #162 *What Child Is This* v. 1, 3 GREENSLEEVES

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*Doxology #168 *Down to Earth* *PERSONENT HODIE*

Down to earth as a dove, came to all, holy love;
Jesus Christ from above bringing great salvation, meant for every nation:
Ideo - o - o, Ideo - o - o; Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine.

People: Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and that we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

(Grape juice, not wine, is served to all.)

Christmas Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using "debts/debtors")

The Festival of the Light

Seventh Lesson

The Word Made Flesh

John 1:1-5, 10-14

The Entrance of the Light

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