

CHRISTMAS EVE 2016

A SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHT

5:30 P.M.

PRELUDE *Lo, How a Rose E'er B looming* J. Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Angels We Have Heard on High" #214

*INVOCATION (Unison)

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy Him perfectly in heaven. Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a stable prepared for Himself; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #194

WELCOME

(Please sign the registration pad with complete address)

THE PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-20

UNISON RESPONSE

O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. David Hall

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father,
Late in flesh appearing.

O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

SCRIPTURE John 1:14

MESSAGE "Christmas is Not Hard... If you Believe God"
Rev. David Hall

CANDLELIGHTING

HYMN "Silent Night! Holy Night!" #210

LITANY OF CANDLELIGHTING

Pastor: The people walking in darkness Isaiah 9:2
People: Have seen a great light
Pastor: Arise, Shine, your light has come Isaiah 60:1
People: And the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
Pastor: For unto you is born this day Luke 2:11
People: A Savior who is Christ the Lord.
All: Let our light so shine! Matthew 5:16

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" #195

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* arr. Page

*Congregation please stand

The Candlelighting Service

Light is a Christian symbol so old that it has the sanction of Jesus Himself, who probably told His disciples not just once, but many times, "You are the light of the world." Thus, whenever a Christian lights a candle in Worship, he is, in effect, declaring his Christian faith and belief.

As the lights in the Sanctuary are dimmed, let the darkness remind us that before the coming of Christ Jesus the world was engulfed in the darkness of sin. The Minister will light the Elders' Candles, which reminds us of Christ, the Light of the World.

The Elders will light the candles of the worshipers at the end of each pew, and they, in turn, will pass the light on from one to the other, reminding us that Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

The Congregation will please remain seated during the candlelighting. As the candles are being lit, the Congregation will sing "Silent Night." When the candles are lit following the Litany of Candlelighting, the Congregation will stand and sing "Joy To The World," followed by the Benediction.

At the conclusion of the Benediction, as the Sanctuary lights are turned on, please extinguish all candles before turning and extending Christmas greetings to those who worship near you.

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