

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2015

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Allen

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass

Let us go with the shepherds: **Let us go to find the Savior!**

Let us go with the wise ones: **Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!**

Let us go with the poor and humble:

Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

Come, let us worship: **Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

*CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

**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! O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

INVOCATION

Jeff Allen

MUSICAL OFFERING

Breath of Heaven

Grant

I have travelled many moonless nights, cold and weary, with a babe inside.

And I wonder what I've done, Holy Father, you have come and chosen me now to carry your son.

I am waiting in a silent prayer. I am frightened by the load I bear.

In a world as cold as stone must I walk this path alone? Be with me now. Be with me now.

Breath of heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.

Breath of heaven light up my darkness, Pour over me your holiness, for You are holy, Breath of Heaven.

Do you wonder as you watch my face if a wiser one should have had my place?

But I offer all I am for the mercy of your plan. Help me be strong. Help me.

Kimi Taylor, Soloist

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Chinlund Family

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:6 - 7

The Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

READING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Jake Gruver

MUSICAL OFFERING

Happy Birthday, Jesus

Cymbala

Happy birthday, Jesus. I'm so glad it's Christmas.

All the tinsel and lights and the presents are nice, but the real gift is You.

Happy birthday, Jesus. I'm so glad it's Christmas.

All the carols and bells make the holidays swell, and it's all about You.

Happy birthday, Jesus. Jesus I love You.

Paisley Hodge, soloist

*CAROL

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.**

MEDITATION

Prepared for Christmas

Pastor

Luke 2:1-14

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Ashtin Smith

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Pastor

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5, 8:12

Pastor

*SHARING OF THE LIGHT

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

**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, 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.**

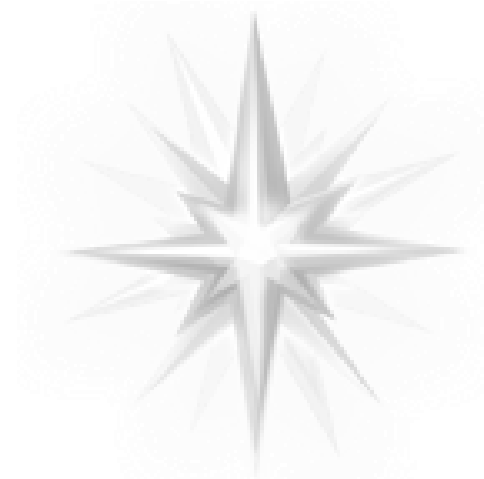
**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star lend thy light; with the angels let us sing
alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

BENEDICTION

(The candles are extinguished following the prayer.)

Pastor

POSTLUDE



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