



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 2025

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming
Light of Christ. As the Lord has
promised, in days to come, the nations will beat their
swords into plowshares and their
spears into pruning hooks.

**All: Nation shall not lift up sword against
nation, neither shall they
learn war anymore.**

(The first candle is lit.)

Leader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the
leopard shall lie down with the kid.

**All: The calf and the lion and the fatling shall
lie down together, and a
little child shall lead them.**

(The second candle is lit.)

Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and
blossom.

**All: Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy
and singing.**

(The third candle is lit.)

Leader: The Lord will give you a sign: Look, the
young woman is with child.

**All: She shall bear a son, and name him
Emmanuel: "God is with us."**

(The fourth candle is lit.)

Leader: The people who have walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

**All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.**

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Leader: Let us walk in the Light of the Lord.

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

The Prophet Isaiah said:

The people who walked in darkness

Have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep
darkness—

On them light has shined.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

The Priest Zechariah said before John's birth:

By the tender mercy of our God,

The dawn from on high will break upon
us, To give light to those who sit in darkness,

To guide our feet into the way of peace.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Evangelist John said:

What has come into being in him was life

And the life is the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness,

And the darkness did not overcome it.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

God is with us

God is coming into our lives in a new way

The birth of the Christ-child is the
renewal of hope

A reminder that Christ will come again
Keep watch for the light; it is drawing near.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn of Worship*

#121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Call to Repentance and Prayer of Confession

God of Light, we confess we've strayed from
Your path, chasing dim lights of success and self
instead of your truth. We see our "busy-ness" as
success. We kindle pride in ourselves and our
accomplishments. We forget that we all come
from the same place. We think we are better
than others and we wear armour which we
fortify against forgiveness, compassion and
grace. Let us not be arrogant.
We forget the profound hope brought in Jesus.
Forgive our cynicism, our small faith, and our
failure to be your light. Soften our hearts to
truly welcome Christ, to ponder His coming,
and to shine His love and justice in a world that
desperately needs it. Let us stand in the light of
our creator. In Jesus' name, Amen."

(silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 14:18-20

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 110*

Read Responsively Standing

The Lord, Yahweh says to my lord:

**"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."**

The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion,
saying,

"Rule in the midst of your enemies!"

Your troops will be willing
on your day of battle.

**Arrayed in holy splendor,
your young men will come to you
like dew from the morning's womb.**

The Lord Yahweh has sworn
and will not change his mind:

**"You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek."**

Special Music

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 7:1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rachael Brooks

Collision

Affirmation of our Faith

I believe in God whose light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness can never smother it.

I believe that on a night like this night in
Bethlehem, there was born a Saviour, who is
Christ the Lord. I believe in the Word who has
become incarnate, our very flesh and blood, yet
full of grace and truth.

Offering and Offertory

The offering plate will be passed at this time, or you may
text Granite to 73256 to give online.

Doxology*

(#592 in the hymnal)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Communion Hymn

#508

Come to the Table

THE LORD'S SUPPER



The Invitation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the
celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time
and place, who forever sing to the glory of your
name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

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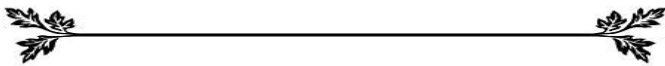
Great is the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

**The Words of Institution
and the Communion of the People**



Hymn while communion is being served

#507

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table, it's not yours or mine.

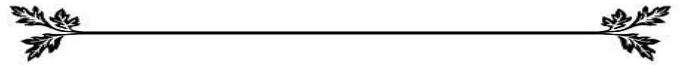
Come to the table of grace.

.... *Peace*

.... *Love*

.... *Hope*

.... *Joy*



Prayer after Communion

CANDLE SERVICE

Lighting of Candles

At this time, the sanctuary lights will be turned off and the pastor will light her candle from the Christ Candle.

The ushers will light their candles from the pastor's candle, who in turn will light the candle of the worshipers nearest the aisles, who will then pass the light to the person seated next to him or her and so on, until all the candles are lit. Note: Remember to avoid dripping wax on the floor or pews. Tip only the unlit candle.

Pastor Brooks will then lead us to process out the front of the church as we sing Silent Night. The ushers will direct your row when it is your turn to walk out. Please continue to sing Silent Night as we surround our church facing Main Street. When the song is finished, please extinguish your candle, discard them in the designated baskets, and depart in silence.

Hymn

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 Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior 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.

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!



Special thank you to our musicians this evening:

Jane Tesh, piano

Gary Chilton, hammered dulcimer

Valerie Parker, Legh Beal, Anna Bush, vocals

Pete Pequeno and Evan Bush, guitar