

Christmas Eve Service
Six o'clock in the Evening
December 24, 2017

Prelude

(If it be your desire, please take this opportunity to still your minds and hearts from the cares of this world)

Introit

Go Tell It on the Mountain
(Cherub/Junior Choirs, Youth Choir)

*Carol 203

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

Christmas Creed

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied. This same Jesus lives today in our hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ our hope is fulfilled, our hope is sealed. Our joy is complete, our love is consummated. Rejoice, a Savior is born.

The Advent Wreath – Rev. & Mrs. David Setzer

Scripture: John 1:29

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer

Scripture

Luke 2: 1-20

*Carol 201

O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

Special Music

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Traditional
Polish Carol

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-2:12

*Carol 213

What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES

Special Music

Away in a Manger
(Cherub/Junior Choirs, Youth Choir)

Children's Sermon

(Children come forward) Rev. Thomas

Scripture

Isaiah 12:1-6

Message

"In Our Midst" Rev. Thomas

Special Music

O Holy Night Adam
(Jennifer Wolff, soprano)

Evening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Candle Lighting

*Carol 210

Silent Night! Holy Night!

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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, heav'nly 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!

(The light from the Christ Candle will be passed to the ushers who in turn will light the candle of the worshiper at the end of each pew. As you receive the light, please pass it to the next, or close to you until all candles are lighted. When the church lights are turned on, please gently extinguish your candle.)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sign, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation is asked to stand*