

The Order for Worship and Celebration

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2015

6:00 p.m.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Night Song” by Keith Snell
Solomon Han, trombone; Taemin Han, piano
“Sussex Carol”, Traditional Carol, arr. Matt Hyzer
Grace Han, flute; Taemin Han, piano
“Of the Father’s Son Begotten” by Craig Phillips
Anne Hoekstra, organ
“Come, All Ye Shepherds” by Wagner
Celebration Ringers
“Angels from the Realms of Glory” by Edwin C. Johnson
Anne Hoekstra, organ

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Rev. Amy Wiles

Leader: We are here because we have heard a promise of peace
People: *And we have faith its day will come.*
Leader: We have heard a rumor of justice
People: *And we have faith its day will come.*
Leader: We have heard a whisper of hope
People: *And we have faith its day will come.*
Leader: We have heard of the birth of the Christ-Child
People: *And we have faith his day is here.*
Leader: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!
People: *GLORY TO GOD! CHRISTMAS IS HERE!*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#133, Hymnal

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH – The Christ Candle

The Bass Family

Leader: God came into the world so that none would live in darkness.

People: *Glory to God in the highest!*

Leader: The light shines in the darkness

People: *and the darkness does not overcome it.*

Leader: This is the good news for all people: to us is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

People: *And things will never be the same.*

Leader: The world has been transformed. It is made new with hope, peace, joy and love.

People: *Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your transforming power. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

CAROL

“Away in a Manger”

#115, Hymnal

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Sing We Now of Jesus”

French Carol

Children’s Choir with Sanctuary Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Joseph, Dearest Joseph Mine”

E. Bodenschatz

Sanctuary Choir

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

Mitchell Sage

ANTHEM

“The Holy Boy”

John Ireland

David Kabel, vocal solo; Taemin Han, piano

THE SECOND LESSON: Luke 1:26-35

Pat Geadelmann

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (verses 1, 2, and 4)

#121, Hymnal

THE THIRD LESSON: Matthew 1:18-23

Sally Davis

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Tonight’s special offering will be given to the “Kids’ Café” program of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Offertory

“On Christmas Night”

R. Williams

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE FOURTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-18 Pat Geadelmann

CAROL *“The First Nowell”* (verses 1,2, and 4) #147, Hymnal

THE FIFTH LESSON: John 1:1-5, 10-14 Rev. Amy Wiles

INTRODUCTION OF *“Silent Night”* F. Gruber, arr. Clarence Kohlmann
Taemin Han, piano

*The lights will be dimmed. Ushers will light the candles of the first person
in each pew representing the sending of Christ’s Light into the world. As
individual candles are lit, tip unlit candles to receive the flame from your neighbor.
Please hold all burning candles upright. Thank you.*

*CAROL *“Silent Night, Holy Night”* See Insert

*PRAYER

*CAROL *“Joy to the World”* (verses 1, 2, and 4) #134, Hymnal

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“In Dulci Jubilo”* Norman Dello Joio
Anne Hoekstra, organ

If you ordered a poinsettia, please come forward to claim it following the worship service. Members of the Congregational Ministry Team will be there to assist you.

Silent Night, Holy 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.

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