

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The sanctuary lights will be turned off as the light of Christ is brought from the Christ candle to light the candles of the ushers, who in turn will light the candles of the persons on the end of each pew. They, in turn, will pass the light of Christ to the next person until everyone is holding a lighted candle.

*CAROLS

Silent Night, Holy Night

(The candle is raised on the last verse.)

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!

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, 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, and wonders, wonders, of his love.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



OH COME LET US

Adore Him
Christmas Eve Service

Candlelight Worship

December 24, 2024

6:00pm

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand as you are able.

GREETING

*CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;

Very God Begotten, not created; **Refrain**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest; **Refrain**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: **Refrain**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

CAROLS

“What Child Is This”

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such cold estate, where ox and lamb are feeding?

Good Christians, here, sing without fear, for us the Savior is pleading. **Refrain**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth!

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. **Refrain**

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. **Refrain**

*CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

“God Came to Us!”

Pastor Pablo

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

**Our offering on Christmas Eve will support the Pastors' Discretionary Fund,
for our community neighbors.**

If you wish to designate your offering for some other fund, please mark the designation on the memo line of your check.

*DOXOLOGY