

# A Celebration of Christmas Eve

## 9:00 p.m. Service

\* Indicates stand if you are able.

Please silence cell phones.

PRELUDE

*In Dulci Jubilo...*J.S. Bach  
*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming...*arr. D. Bish  
*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly...*arr. D. Wood  
selected carols, String Quartet

INTROIT

*Of the Father's Love Begotten...*arr. P. Wohlgemuth  
Chancel Choir, Dr. Lisa Elliott-director

\*CAROL # 245

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
(vs 1 & 2)

PRESENTATION OF THE ADVENT LIGHT

Toni Trapp

OPENING LITANY

Pastor Craig Sanders

One: The angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would bear the Holy Child.

All: **He was born in Bethlehem. We pray that He might be born again in our hearts.**

One: The angel reassured the shepherds who were frightened by the brightness of God's glory.

All: **He directed them, just as He directs us, to the gentle light shining from the manger.**

One: The animals were afraid at the commotion yet also were warmed with hope by the light from heaven and the promise of peace.

All: **May we also be caught up in the wonder and amazement of this holy moment.**

One: A choir of angels filled the night sky with hymns of praise for God's Christmas gift. Mary and Joseph were amazed to be part of God's miracle as it unfolded.

All: **We join that song with thankful hearts. We offer our best gifts to God's gracious Son. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming...*M. Lehnowsky  
Chancel Choir

LESSON: *The promise of the Messiah*

Isaiah 7:14, 9:2, 6-7  
Gail Anderson

\*CAROL # 281

*What Child Is This?*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

LESSON: *An angel appears to Mary*

Luke 1:26-35, 38  
Rhonda Reeves

ANTHEM

*Gesu Bambino...*P. Yon  
Mary Lynn and Travis Lewis, duet

LESSON: *The birth of Jesus*

Luke 2:1-7  
Lynne Zenier

OFFERTORY

*All Is Well...*M.W. Smith  
Chancel Choir

LESSON: *The Angels announce the Messiah*

Luke 2:8-16  
Pastor Craig Sanders

ANTHEM *There Were Shepherds...Glory to God from The Messiah...*G.F. Handel  
Mary Lynn Lewis, soprano; Chancel Choir

\*CAROL # 249

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

ANTHEM

*O Holy Night...*A. Adam  
Dr. Lisa Elliott, soloist

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

*Sharing the light*  
(Please hold lit candles upright)

\*CAROL # 253

*Silent Night! Holy Night!*

PRAYER OF HOPE

Pastor Craig Sanders

Please extinguish candles at the conclusion of the prayer.

LESSON: *The Word became flesh*

John 1:1-14  
Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

\*CAROL # 270

*Joy to the World!*  
(vs 1, 2, 4)

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Joy to the World...*J. Kerr  
Dr. David Dorway, organ

## Thanks To Musicians....

Chancel Choir

Soloists: Mary Lynn Lewis, Travis Lewis

Organist: Dr. David Dorway

Director of Music: Dr. Lisa Elliott

### String Quartet

Violin I

Shakeh Ghoukasian

Violin II

Peter Goomroyan

Viola

Sharon Caldwell

Cello

Elena Kapustina

### Readers

Gail Anderson

Rhonda Reeves

Pastor Craig Sanders

Lynne Zenier



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Presbyterian Church

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EVE



Christ is Born  
Share the Light

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

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