

Our Thanks!

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December 24, 2021 - 8:00 P. M.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We Approach God

Piano & Organ Preludes

Welcome

Handbells: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Call to Worship *Recited in unison*

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Based on Isaiah 9:2, 6 NIV

Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #184

Prayer of Confession *Recited in unison*

Pause before prayer for silent personal reflection

Merciful God, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom, we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the patient faith of Mary and Joseph that we may journey with them to Bethlehem, and find the good news of a child born for us. In the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon

Law of God

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Anthem: "O Holy Night"

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Lesson Adapted from the Gospels of Luke & Matthew

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

Community: Thanks be to God

Prayer for the Blessing of the Word

Sermon "Isn't It Sweet?"

We Respond To God

Anthem "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

Apostles' Creed *Recited in unison, stand as you are able*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Bidding Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Illumination Carol "Silent Night" #195

Hymn "Joy to the World" #171

Benediction *Stand as you are able*

Choral Response "The First Noel" #179

Postlude: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"