

## Chiming of the Hour

*We Go Forth in the Peace of Christ. Merry Christmas!*

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**A Service of Lessons and Carols**  
**Sunday, December 30, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**in the Sanctuary**  
**Sunday morning education classes**  
**will not be held that day.**

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## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

**10:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, December 24, 2018**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude Music**

*The Rosewood Ensemble*

**Chiming of the Hour**

*We Gather to Worship God*

**Choral Introit**

*“Sussex Carol”*

David Willcocks

*On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring -  
news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.  
Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad?  
When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?  
When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place;  
angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.  
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:  
Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen!*

*We Address Ourselves to God*

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: O come, all ye faithful.

Let us sing of the coming of the Christ Child once again.

**People: We come this night in joy and anticipation,  
we come to celebrate his birth.**

Leader: Come, let us adore him.

Let us open our hearts to receive the gift of God with us and among us.

**People: He is the One we call the hope of the world,  
the light in our darkness,  
the herald of joy and peace.**

Leader: On this holy night of awe and wonder  
we worship and celebrate this gift  
that is birthed forth at Christmas.

The One who comes is the bearer of hope and love.

\*Processional Carol

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

Hymn No. 133

\*Call to Prayer

\*A Prayer for Christmas Eve *(the people joining)*

Gracious God, as we gather on this holy night, we are invited to trust in that which we may not know or fully understand--that love came down at Christmas. While we hear the story each year, we are still in awe. Our hearts are filled with wonder about the possibilities and promises of the birth of your Son. As we light the Christ Candle, may our hearts and lives be illuminated by the light of his love. Fill us with your Spirit so that we may respond and bring this light into the world in new ways. It is in the name of your Son that we pray. Amen.

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*Congregational Response

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*  
(please sing stanzas 1 and 4)

Hymn No. 121

\*The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Registers

*We Hear God's Word*

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Pew Bible p. 638, O.T.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

Mack Wilberg

*Infant Holy, Infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging angels singing, Nowells ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory,  
heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the Babe was born for you.*

Second Reading

Luke 2:1-14

Pew Bible p. 58, N.T.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*“The Past Still Lives In the Present”*

Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

*We Respond to God's Word*

\*Carol

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

Hymn No. 132

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offertory Sentences

Offering of the People

Offertory Anthem

*“Carol of Joy”*

text: Eileen Berry  
music: Dan Forrest

*Green leaves all fallen, withered and dry; brief sunset fading, dim winter sky;  
lengthening shadows, dark closing in; then through the stillness, carols begin.  
O fallen world, to you is the song! Death holds you fast, and night tarries long.  
Jesus is born, your curse to destroy; sweet to your ears, a carol of joy!  
Pale moon ascending, solemn and slow; cold, barren hillside shrouded in snow.  
Deep empty valley, veiled by the night: hear angel music hopeful and bright.  
O fearful world, to you is the song! Peace with your God, and pardon for wrong.  
Tidings for sinners, burdened and bound, a carol of joy - a Savior is found!  
Earth wrapped in sorrow, lift up your eyes! Thrill to the chorus filling the skies.  
Look up, sad-hearted! Witness God's love; join in the carol swelling above!  
O friendless world, to you is the song! All heaven's joys to you may belong!  
You who are lonely, laden, forlorn: now unto you a Savior is born!*

\*Doxology

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

Hymn No. 119

\*Prayer of Dedication

*We Depart to Serve the Lord*

\*Benediction

\*Carol

*“Silent Night”*

*(Candles will be lit by the worship leaders)*

**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.**