

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

55 Smith Street

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December 24, 2020, 7:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

We joyfully welcome all who have come to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Let every voice be lifted up in singing and praying as we focus upon the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World. Together, we are children of God. Welcome!

PRELUDE "Pachelbel Canon"
Lucas Swanson, Piano Solo

*CONGREGATIONAL 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!

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Living God, on this holy night, we gather to stand with the shepherds, amazed by Your peace, sing for joy with Mary, wait with Joseph, trusting in Your promise. May the good news of this night inspire us to share Your light, peace, love, hope and joy. For to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON "The Announcement" *Luke 1: 26-33 (Pg. 56)*

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold!
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

THE SECOND LESSON "The Humble Birth" *Luke 2: 1-7 (Pg. 58)*

THE BELLS "Rocking Carol" Bell Choir

THE FINAL LESSON "The Light of the World" *John 1: 1-5 (Pg. 91)*

HOMILY "Light In the Darkness" Pastor Nicki

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Vogel Family

POSTLUDE "Silent Night"



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