

**The Order of Worship**

**December 24, 2012**

**5:00 P.M.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

*We welcome all to this service of worship, especially our visitors and guests. In the time before the service begins, we invite all who worship here to take a moment to offer a prayer lifting up to God the life and work of this family of faith and its pastors.*

**O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL...**

**PROCURE A CANDLE IN THE NARTHEX**

**PRELUDE** Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, Verse 2

Heinrich Scheidemann

*Praise Be to Thee, Jesus Christ*

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr

Andreas Armsdorff

*All Glory Be to God on High*

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Johannes Brahms

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

**INTROIT** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Veni Emmanuel*

Deborah Phillips

Laura Dupper

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Buran F. Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 31** (blue hymnal) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Mendelssohn*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Ed, Cile, Danielle, Hannah and Eva Mathews

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ethan Partelow

Leader: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

**People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord.**

Leader: And this shall be a sign for you.

**People: You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.**

Leader: And suddenly there was, with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God.

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**\*HYMN NO. 116** (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High

*Gloria*

**WORD OF THE FATHER...**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Ellen Anderson

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Chloe Smith

**SCRIPTURE** Micah 5:2-5a

Will Bendy

**\*HYMN NO. 44** (blue hymnal) O Little Town of Bethlehem

*St. Louis*

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Sam Phillips

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 96:1-6, 10-13

Lily Seidner

**\*HYMN NO. 40** (blue hymnal) Joy to the World!

*Antioch*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:1-7

Aidan Sears

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:8-14

Nate Seidner

**\*HYMN NO. 41** (blue hymnal) O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Adeste fideles*

**JOHN 1:1-5,14**

Buran Phillips

**CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION**

Buran Phillips

**NOW IN FLESH APPEARING...**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Tonight we will be celebrating Holy Communion by the method of intinction, where worshipers may come forward and take a piece of bread to dip into the cup. The ministers and ushers will direct you.*

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

Johann Pachelbel

**SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING ...**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:15-20

Ryan Rotella

*After the scripture is read, the lights will be dimmed, and the minister will light a candle from the Christ Candle. The minister will then light the candles of the ushers, who will then light the candles of the first person on each aisle. Light will then be passed from worshiper to worshiper. Remember that the lighted candle remains upright and the unlighted candle is tipped to the lighted candle.*

**\*HYMN** Silent Night, Holy Night

*Stille Nacht*

*(The candle is held close to the breast)*

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.

*(The candle is extended outward)*

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."

*(The candle is extended upward)*

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.

Radiant beams from Thy holy face.



Gospel Light to every corner of the earth. After the Benediction, please extinguish your light.  
Receptacles for the spent candles are located in the narthex.

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Please use extreme caution in the handling of the lighted candles to prevent accidents with the hair or clothing of the person in front of you and the pews or carpet. Children must be carefully supervised. For safety's sake, it is requested that children under six should "share" their parents candle.

**READERS:** Ethan Partelow, Will Bendy, Sam Phillips, Lily Seidner, Aidan Sears, Nate Seidner, Ryan Rotella

**USHERS:** WAMS and SHOW

**ELDERS:** Jean Bonnyman, Ellen Anderson, Angela Partelow, Barbara Adamcik, Mary Boyd, Jim Boyd, Tom Byerley, Georgann Byerley

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#### THE SESSION

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