



**SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING ...**

*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.  
 With the dawn of redeeming grace  
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth.

*Following the singing of the final hymn, ushers will direct the back pew to lead a silent recessional to carry the light outside, weather permitting. After everyone has gathered, we will sing the first and third verses of "Angels We Have Heard on High." The text is found below.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

\*Indicates standing.

Angels We Have Heard on High Gloria  
 Angels we have heard on high,  
 Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
 And the mountains in reply  
 Echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain*  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
 Him whose birth the angels sing;  
 Come, adore on bended knee  
 Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

*Refrain*

**MOTET** The Angel's Greeting (from *Marienlieder*) Johannes Brahms  
 "All Hail, Maria, Thou blessed Maiden, All Hail, Maria, The Lord is with  
 Thee." So sang the Angel to greet the Virgin, as She in prayer was kneeling.  
 "All Hail to Thee!"

"To Thee, Maria, A Son is given. To Thee, Maria, is born the Saviour. All  
 generations shall call Thee blessed. Oh, Holy Mother, Oh, Mother of Christ  
 our Lord."

Now, we with the angel will sing again, "All Hail to Thee, Maria!" We sing to  
 Thee, Maria, "All Hail to Thee!"

Maynard Klein  
 Herbert Howells

**CAROL** A Spotless Rose  
 A Spotless Rose is blowing, Sprung from a tender root, Of ancient seers'  
 foreshowing, Of Jesse promised fruit; Its fairest bud unfolds to light Amid the  
 cold, cold winter, And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing, Whereof Isaiah said, Is from its sweet root  
 springing In Mary, purest Maid; For through our God's great love and might,  
 The Blessed Babe she bare us In a cold, cold winter's night.

Anonymous, 14<sup>th</sup> century

Terrance McCracken, Baritone

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:8-14 Eric Adamcik

**CAROL** Angels We Have Heard on High Paul Laubengayer  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the  
 plains, And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains. (Refrain)

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the  
 gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song? (Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come adore on  
 bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

trans. James Chadwick

**MOTET** The Glory of the Father Egil Hovland  
 The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the  
 Father, full of grace and truth. In the beginning was the Word. The Word was  
 with God. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. He came to his  
 own, and his own received him not.

adapted from John 1

**SCRIPTURE** Titus 2:11-14 Chris Phillips

**CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION** Buran Phillips

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

**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** The Call (from *Spiritual Songs*) Kenneth Jennings

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a  
 Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such  
 a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a  
 Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert

**The Order of Worship** **December 24, 2014**  
**11:00 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.*

**PROCURE A CANDLE IN THE NARTHEX**

**PRELUDE** Noël IX on the Flutes Louis-Claude Daquin

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION** Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** Deborah, Sam, Jake and Chris Phillips

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Will Bendy

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. 31** (blue hymnal) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn

**CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER**

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

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 96:1-6 Sam Phillips

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 96:10-13 Nate Seidner

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

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

**HYMN NO. 44** (blue hymnal) O Little Town of Bethlehem St. Louis  
*(Please remain seated)*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:1-7 Savannah Lockwood

**Symbolism of the Lights**

The significance of the Candlelight Service is twofold. First, in the distribution of the lights, we see dramatized before us the spreading of the Gospel Message and the growth of the church through the centuries. The pastor’s candle is symbolic of Christ, the living Word, and is an extension of the Christ candle in the Advent wreath. The ushers who carry the light to the congregation represent the Apostles whom Christ sent out to spread the Word and draw the world to Him. The church has grown because men and women and young people who have heard the Good News have been faithful in telling someone else about it, and this is symbolized by your passing the light to the person beside you. The ushers will light the candle closest to the aisle. As each candle bursts into flame and the sanctuary gradually brightens, we catch the significance of Jesus’ statement that we are “the light of the world,” and that we should spread this light to the “very ends of the world.” Secondly, we find significance in the lights during the singing of the dedication hymn. During the singing of the first verse, we hold our lights close as we rededicate ourselves to Christ. As we sing the second verse, we hold the candle out in front of us as we rededicate our homes and families once again to him. During the last verse, we hold our candles high as we rededicate our part of His church here to the task of taking the 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.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** We will have one worship service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 28 and on Sunday, January 4. Our regular schedule resumes January 11<sup>th</sup>, with worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be open Monday, December 29 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 31 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We will be closed Tuesday, December 30 and Thursday and Friday, January 1 and 2. Regular office hours resume on Monday, January 5.

**FINAL 2014 CONTRIBUTIONS** as well as any 2015 prepaid offerings need to be in the church office by December 31. All offerings received by December 31 will be included in your 2014 contribution statement. If you have any questions regarding your contributions, please contact Renee Wiesehuegel.

**Advent Flowers 2014**

*We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to our Flower Guild during this Advent Season.*

Ellen and Ken Anderson. . . . . In memory of their mothers, Alice Burgoon and Lucille Anderson

Julie Anderton. . . . . In memory of Mary Virginia Anderton  
Laura and Jack Barron. . . . . In honor of their 3 great-granddaughters

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Christie Dowling. . . . . In memory of her mother, Betty M. Caldwell  
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Carol, Scott, Jami and Olivia Faulkner. . . . . In memory of Ken Faulkner  
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Cile, Ed, Danielle, Hannah and Eva Mathews. . . . . In memory of Matt Mathews  
Charlie and Alice Mercer. . . . . In memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mercer

and Mr. and Mrs. George Atkins  
Ibbie and John Muntz. . . . . In memory of Dr. Mary M. Rucker

Rick and Janice Rawe. . . . . In honor of the members of the Flower Guild for their year-long work

The Larry Ridley Family. . . . . In honor of the staff of Westminster Presbyterian Church  
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Joyce and Tim Ryan. . . . . In honor of Helen Ryan and her upcoming 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 6, 2015

The Salsbery Family. . . . . In memory of Chris Salsbery and Bonnee Rainwater  
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