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5:00
Christmas
EVE SERVICE

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle

Emmanuel, God-with-us, interrupt and open our eyes to the wonder of this night, that we might catch a glimpse of your glory in the simplicity of these moments.

May your light shine!

(First advent candle is lit.)

Emmanuel, God-with-us, interrupt and soften our hearts to the message of this hour, that we might turn toward you, and have the way prepared in us for your coming.

May your light shine!

(Second advent candle is lit.)

Emmanuel, God-with-us, interrupt and open our minds to truly listen to all who speak and sing this evening, that we might hear your voice cry out from many lips.

May your light shine!

(Third advent candle is lit.)

Emmanuel, God-with-us, interrupt and fill our spirits with the courage to admit when we are lost and the insight to recognize that we have been found.

May your light shine!

(Fourth advent candle is lit.)

Emmanuel, God-with-us, with eyes open, hearts softened, minds listening, and spirits full, we rejoice that you interrupt what we have in mind in order to bring into being something more than we dare imagine.

May your light shine! Amen.

(Center Christ candle is lit.)

Songs

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“Born Is the King (It’s Christmas)”

“He Has Come For Us” (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)

Giving of Tithes and Offering *“Your Name” (Christmas Version)*

Children’s Moments

***Gospel Lesson, Luke 2:1-20**

HOLY COMMUNION

(Wine and grape juice are used for communion. The first chalice is grape juice and the second chalice is wine. Gluten free bread are available between the bread and grape juice.)

Invitation

Prayer of Confession *(In unison)*

God of grace and truth,

in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.

We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good.

We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

“Away in a Manger”

Litany for Sharing the Light of Christ

The God who said, “Let there be light,”

has caused light to shine in our hearts

That light is the glory of God

reflected in the face of Jesus Christ

As our candles are a sea of light lit from the one light of Christ

so may the church reflect Christ’s light and love in the world.

***Lighting of the Candles**

“Silent Night”



*** Please stand as you are able.**