



7:00  
*Christmas*  
EVE SERVICE

Welcome

Prelude

\*Choral Call to Worship "We Seek the Tiny King" Ruth E. Schram

Hymn, 234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Adeste Fideles  
(verses 1, 3 and 6)

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.)*

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem "And the Stars Sang" Joseph M. Martin

Giving of Tithes and Offering J. J. Milakovich, Clarinet

Solo "O Holy Night" Bill Woodle

\*Gospel Lesson, Luke 2:1-20

Solo "Breath of Heaven" Svetlana Royal

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 be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes*

And so with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we join the unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes*

And so in this sacrament we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:*

One God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer