



Christmas at *First*

Sunday, December 31st

10:30 AM | Worship Service (No Sunday School)

Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

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December 24, 2023 | 5PM

Candlelight: Family Service

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Christmas Eve Candlelight: Family Service

December 24, 2023

5 o'clock in the Evening

Gathering Music	Rev. Jane Martin, piano
Welcome	Rev. Robert Turnbull
Call to Worship	Rev. David Warren

Leader: On this holiest of nights,

People: We come, joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.

Leader: On this most silent night,

People: We come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.

Leader: On this night of carols and candlelight,

People: We come, our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.

* Carol # 89	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	ADESTE FIDELES
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(On the final stanza, all children are invited to join Rev. Jessica Asbell Oravec on the platform.)

Story	T’was the Evening of Christmas Read by Rev. Jessica Asbell Oravec	Glenys Nellist
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Living Nativity	Luke 2:1-3	Kayley Appenfelder
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Carol # 86	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Stanzas 1 & 4	ST. LOUIS
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Living Nativity	Luke 2:4-7	Hadley Mackay
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Carol # 103	“Away in a Manger” Stanzas 1 & 3	MUELLER
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Living Nativity	Luke 2:8	Garrett Appenfelder
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Carol # 85	“The First Nowell” Stanzas 1 & 4	THE FIRST NOWELL
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Living Nativity	Luke 2:9-20	Jackson Wallis
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Carol # 100	“Angels We Have Heard on High” Stanzas 1 & 4	GLORIA
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Living Nativity	Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11	Annabelle Carpenter
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Carol # 113	“We Three Kings of Orient Are” Stanzas 1 & 4	KINGS OF ORIENT
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Living Nativity		Rev. Logan Carpenter
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Advent Reflection	“Advent Hymn” Ellie Carpenter & Katie Warren, duet Rev. Martin, piano	Christy Nockels
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Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the everlasting light;
Son of righteousness arise and triumph o'er these chains of mine.
Come, thou long awaited One, in the fullness of Your love.
And loose this heart bound up by shame, and I will never be the same.

(Refrain) So, here I wait in hope of You. All my soul's longing through and through.
And Dayspring from on high be near, and Daystar in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn, until Your love in me is born.
And joyless is the evening song, until Emmanuel has come. *(Refrain)*

Holy Communion		Rev. Jessica Asbell Oravec
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When you are ready, we invite you to come forward and receive communion by intinction. We ask that you come forward through the two central aisles to either of the two stations at the front of the Sanctuary or in the middle of the Balcony. After you receive communion, we ask that you return to your pew using the outside aisles on the edge of the Sanctuary. For those who have not yet been baptized, special communion packs are available on the tables. If you are unable to come forward, please signal to a Minister or Deacon, and we will come to serve you a prepackaged communion set at your seat shortly.

The Christ Candle		Rev. Carpenter
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~ Lighting of the Candles ~

* Carol # 91	“Silent Night, Holy Night”	STILLE NACHT
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* Benediction		Rev. Carpenter
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Organ Postlude	“O Come Let Us Adore Him” Rev. Martin	arr. John Innes
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** Please stand as you are able.*

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Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us for tonight. Childcare is available for children ages birth through two in the Nursery on the first floor of our Education building. Our ushers will be happy to direct you.