

**Christmas Eve Candlelight:
A Service of Lessons & Carols**

December 24, 2023
11 o'clock in the Evening

Prelude **“Silent Night”** arr. John Carter
Suzanne Ivey & Maryann Tyler, piano

Welcome and Invocation Prayer Dr. Doyle Hamilton

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship **“Once in Royal David’s City”** arr. Howard Helvey
Chancel Choir

(The congregation is invited to stand and sing the final stanza)



And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re-deem-ing love,
for that child, so dear and gen-tle, is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,
and he leads his chil-dren on to the place where He is gone.

The First Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Rev. Robert Turnbull
...The birth of Christ and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah...

Carol # 76 **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** VENI EMMANUEL
Stanzas 1 & 4

The Second Reading Luke 1:26-38 Rev. Logan Carpenter
...The Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary...

Carol # 86 **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** ST. LOUIS
Stanzas 1 & 2

The Third Reading Luke 2:1-7 Dr. Hamilton
...Luke tells of Christ’s holy birth...

Carol # 103 **“Away in a Manger”** MUELLER
Stanzas 1 & 2

The Fourth Reading Luke 2:8-14 Rev. David Warren
...The Angels Appear to the Shepherds...

Carol # 106 **“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”** arr. Mack Wilberg
Stanzas 1 & 2

The Fifth Reading Luke 2:15-20 Rev. Carpenter
...The Shepherds Journey to the Manger...

Carol **“O Holy Night”** Adolphe Adam
John Condra, soloist; Maryann Tyler, piano

The Sixth Reading Matthew 2:1-5, 8-12 Dr. Hamilton
...The Wise Men are Led by a Star...

Carol # 85 **“The First Nowell”** THE FIRST NOWELL
Stanzas 1 & 3

The Seventh Reading John 1:1-5, 9-14 Rev. Turnbull
...John unfolds the great mystery of The Incarnation...

* Carol # 89 **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** ADESTE FIDELES
Stanzas 1 & 2

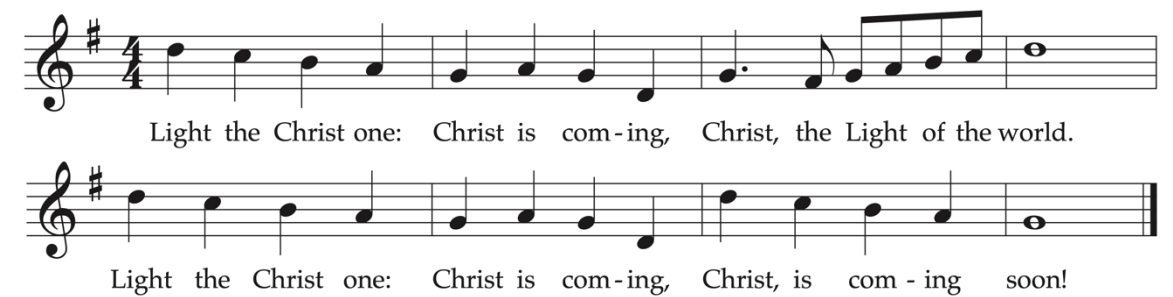
Christmas Message Dr. Greg DeLoach

Holy Communion Dr. DeLoach

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. 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.

~ Lighting of the Candles ~

Lighting of the Advent Wreath **“Advent Candle Song”** Sally Ahner
Stanza 5



Light the Christ one: Christ is com-ing, Christ, the Light of the world.
Light the Christ one: Christ is com-ing, Christ, is com - ing soon!

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The Christ Candle Rev. Carpenter

* Carol # 91 **“Silent Night, Holy Night”** STILLE NACHT

* Christmas Benediction Dr. DeLoach

Postlude **“He Is Born”** arr. John Carter
Suzanne Ivey & Maryann Tyler, piano

** Please stand as you are able.*

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Special thanks to Maryann Tyler for playing the organ tonight.



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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