

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2023
11 AM Family Candlelight Service

Procession of The Bells

Greeting & Welcome

Do not be afraid;
For see I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all the people:
To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
Who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candle

**Light the Christmas candles, now:
Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow;
birthday candles for the King,
let the alleluias ring.**

Family Reading and Lighting of Christ Candle

**Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the cold winter night.
Candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

† Christ Alive

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Prayers of the People

Christmas Prayer

Christ Alive

Make Room

†Christmas Affirmation

**We believe in God, the creator and giver of life,
who brought all creation to birth,
who mothers us and fathers us, protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby,
embodying both love and the need for love,
and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth,

**always drawing us on to be born anew, encouraging, exhorting, comforting,
nourishing our growth and inspiring our living.**

**And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God,
a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.**

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The First Christmas

† Prayer of Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may
hear and rejoice in the good news of our Savior's birth. Amen.**

† Scripture

Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Message

Lighting of our Christmas Candles

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Silent Night with Candlelight