Christmas Eve Service

December 24th, 2023

USHERS AND USHERETTES LIGHT THE CANDELABRAS

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels;

REFRAIN:

O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,

O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

REFRAIN

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

<u>REFRAIN</u>

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20

ADVENT CAROL:

"What Child Is This?"

What child is this that lays to rest? On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

REFRAIN:

This, this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, King, to own Him; The King of Kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

REFRAIN

CHOIR

"Holding A Miracle"

SPECIAL MUSIC

by Diane and Eliana Riola

MESSAGE:

"Where Is Christ in Our Christmas?"

SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING: (ALL SEATED)

As musicians play "Silent Night", the lights will be dimmed and Pastor John will light his candle from the Christ candle. He will then light the candles of the candle lighters gathered at the altar. They will then light the candle of the first worshiper. Remember that the lighted candle remains upright and the unlit candle is tipped to be lighted.

PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL TO KEEP YOUR CANDLES FROM TIPPING ONCE THEY ARE LIT.

HYMN: "Silent Night"

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright. Round you virgin mother and child, Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

EXTINGUISH CANDLES

BENEDICTION

We thank Avery Boggs, Carter Boggs, Ryan Simunich and Morgan Thompson for being our ushers and usherettes for the service tonight.

Merry Christmas!