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HOPE

THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT

Celebration Service – Sunday, December 24, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.

Prelude Hunter Goff, organist

Call to Worship Psalms 89:26–27

Leader: *He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.’*

All: And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

Invocation Benny Parks

Carol 145* “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

The Lighting of the Advent Candle The Reeder Family
The Christ Candle • John 1:1–5, 14

Greeting of Grace and Peace

Carol 133* “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Christmas Offering

Ministry of Worship in Song The Briarwood Choir

The Carols of Christmas* “Angels from the Realms of Glory”
“Angels We Have Heard on High” Carol 132
“What Child Is This?”

The Christmas Homily Bruce Stallings
“Mary Christmas”
Luke 10:38–42

THE CANDLELIGHT CELEBRATION

For safety reasons, children fifth grade and under are asked to share a candle with their parents.

Lighting of the Candles

Carol 147* “Silent Night! Holy Night!”

Postlude

Please extinguish the candles at the Benediction and then deposit them in the receptacles provided at the exits.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT

Celebration Service – Sunday, December 24, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

Prelude

Hunter Goff, organist

Call to Worship

Psalms 89:26–27

Leader: *He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'*

All: And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

Vocal Introit

"Light of the World"
Carrie Turner, soloist

Welcome

Benny Parks

Carol 145*

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Reeder Family
The Christ Candle • John 1:1–5, 14

Greeting of Grace and Peace

Carol 133*

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Christmas Offering

Ministry of Worship in Song

"Oh, Holy Night"
Ruth Beenken, soloist

The Carols of Christmas*

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"
"Angels We Have Heard on High" Carol 132
"What Child Is This?"

The Christmas Homily

"Mary Christmas"
Luke 10:38–42

Bruce Stallings

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Carol 147*

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

Postlude

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT

Communion Service – Sunday, December 24, 2023 – 11:00 P.M.

Call to Worship

Introit

“Lo, How a Rose”

Christmas Candlelight Choral Ensemble

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Stallings Family

“Christ Candle” • John 1:1–5, 14

Invocation

Hymn of Advent Praise*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Carol 141

The Confession of Truth*

The Nicene Creed

Christmas Offering

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Christmas Candlelight Choral Ensemble

The Christmas Homily

Bruce Stallings

“Mary Christmas”

Luke 2:8–20

Preparation for Communion

“What Child Is This?” Carol 137

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19

Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:1–4, 10–12

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

THE CANDLELIGHT CELEBRATION

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Carol 147*

“Silent Night! Holy Night” Carol 147

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