



# *Christmas Eve Worship*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2019  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
COMMUNION  
8pm



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**OUR MISSION**

TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE  
BY LIVING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS:

showing mercy,  
promoting justice,  
offering forgiveness,  
acceptance, and hope.

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(\*\* indicates rising in body or spirit as you are able.)  
(The congregation reads in unison those items in bold print.)

## Prelude

Welcome:        **All are welcome in this place.**  
                      **All are welcomed by God's grace.**

## Lighting the Christ Candle

\*\*Singing: **VU 59** *Joy to the World*

## \*\*Call to Worship:

The hope of God is here tonight  
in the birth of a babe in Bethlehem.

**Come to the light.**

The peace of God is here tonight  
in the birth of a babe in Bethlehem.

**Come to the light.**

The joy of God is here tonight  
in the birth of a babe in Bethlehem.

**Come to the light.**

The love of God is here tonight  
in the birth of a babe in Bethlehem.

**Come to the light.**

## \*\*Prayer of Approach:

**We are thankful for the gift of a child this night  
whose birth gives us good tidings of great joy to  
rejoice and to share,  
a gift for your self-giving love to be with us,  
a gift promoted and longed for through the ages,  
the greatest of gifts you have provided for our lives.  
God, hear our prayer.  
O come, O come, Emmanuel**

\*\*Singing: **VU 48** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Ministry of Music: **Born Tonight in Bethlehem**

## News & Announcements

## Offering Invitation

Song during the Offering: **VU 55** *In the Bleak Midwinter* (vs.1-3)

**\*\*Offertory Response: VU 55** *In the Bleak Midwinter* (v.4)

**\*\*Offertory Prayer: Star giver, Life bringer, Love sharer, bless these gifts**  
we bring that your Light might shine more brightly, your Life be  
lived more abundantly, your Love be shared more abundantly, in  
Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*\*Hymn: VU 64** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**\*\*Prayer: VU 63** *A Christmas Prayer of Confession (in unison)*

God of stable, stars, and surprises,  
of light and hope and new life:  
open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our world;  
forgive our obsession with property and possessions;  
forgive our compromises and narrowness of vision.  
Open us to your grace,  
that we might hear again the song of the angels,  
and respond with a song in our hearts,  
and in our lives. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine  
is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Singing:** *O Holy Night*

- solo offered by Jean Collier

**Scripture:**

Luke 2: 1-21

- Pat Nursey

The Word of God for the People of God  
Thanks be to God

✧ **A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION** ✧

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*\*Closing Hymn: VU 67** *Silent Night*

**\*\*Blessing**

**Postlude**

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*Greeters: Claire & John Chisholm, Janet Mombourquette  
Elder: Jennifer Williams, Pauline Stanick-Kerr*

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