

Christmas Day Communion Service

December 25, 2022 10:30 AM

Prelude*Angel Medley*
Arr. by James Michael Stevens

Welcome and Prayer

Lighting of the First Candle – Expectation and Hope

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-21

Responsive Reading

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years, Are met in thee tonight.

Congregational Hymn #86 (St. 1, 2, 4)..... *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
By Phillips Brooks

Lighting of the Second Candle – Preparation and Peace

Scripture ReadingMicah 5:2, Matthew 1:23

Responsive Reading

For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep, Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars, together, Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!

Congregational Hymn #91 (St. 1, 3) *Silent Night*
By Joseph Mohr

Lighting of the Third Candle – Celebration and Joy

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7

Responsive Reading

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts, The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Reflection in Song*What Child Is This*
Traditional arr. by Phil Hamm

Lighting of Fourth Candle – Faith and Love

Scripture Reading Luke 4:14-19

Responsive Reading

O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

Reflection in Song *Away in a Manger*
By William J. Kirkland and James R. Murray

Lighting of the Fifth Candle – The Christ Candle

Scripture Luke 22:14-20

Breaking of Bread at the Table

Sharing of the Cup at the Table

A Time of Reflection *Angels We Have Heard on High*
arr. by Phil Hamm

Responsive Reading

We have come today to remember what Christ has done for us.
Let us depart and remember that Christ came to redeem us.
We have come this day to visually see that Christmas has a cross.
Let us depart to tell the world that Christ has come.
We have come this day to feel the presence of the Lord.
Let us depart to tell the world that Christ died for their sins.
We have come this day to renew our spirits.
Let us depart renewed.

Benediction

Postlude *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
arr. by Phil Hamm

Announcements

Mon. Dec. 26th Church Office Closed for Christmas

Wed. Dec. 29th Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 3:00 p.m.

Mon. Jan. 2nd Church Office Closed for New Years

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