



Order of Worship

Christmas Eve

11 p.m. – December 24, 2021



THE PRELUDE - “Still, Still, Still”

SPECIAL MUSIC - “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”
-Peter & Laurie Braswell

GREETING - Pastor Sullivan

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH - *Fitch Family*

LITANY

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord all the earth.

Sing to the Lord and praise His name;

Proclaim His salvation day after day.

OLD TESTAMENT - Isaiah 9:2-7

LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLES

229 - “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

PRAYER

O God, You call all of us to be faithful; not just knowing right and wrong and choosing right as prophesied about your Son, but to have a deep abiding faith in You as well. O God, help us to be faithful. Amen.

OPENING HYMN - “Gloria Medley”

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in Excelsis Deo!

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled!”
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and
nature sing.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

SCRIPTIURE RECITATION - Luke 2:1-20 - *Karen Plegge*

SPECIAL MUSIC - “Crescent Moon and Shining Star” - *Bill Schilling*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY - “In the Bleak Midwinter”

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION - Pastor Sullivan

SPECIAL MUSIC - “Coventry Carol & the First Noel”
-Peter & Laurie Braswell

HYMN OF PREPARATION - 196 “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

THE CHRISTMAS MEDITATION - Pastor Sullivan

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES - Pastor Sullivan

(Receive the Christ Light with care.

Hold lighted candles upright, tip unlighted candles INTO the flame.)

FINAL HYMN - “Silent Night”

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

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly host sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

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.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

BENEDICTION - Pastor Sullivan

*{ For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given: }*

AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL
BE UPON HIS SHOULDER 

and his name shall be called

Wonderful,
 *Counsellor,*
The Mighty God,

The Everlasting Father, 
The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6