

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
December 24, 2021 - 6:00PM

WELCOME		Rev. Zack Christy
PRELUDE	<i>"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"</i>	Nancy Catena
*HYMN	<i>"Away in a Manger"</i>	No. 217
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		Allen Fraley family
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Zack Christy
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
OFFERTORY	<i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i>	Nancy Catena
OFFERING		
SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 2:1-20	
MESSAGE	<i>"Why A Stable?"</i>	Rev. Zack Christy

*BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

O Christ, we ask, as we hold our candles, that you would so dwell within us that we may go forth with the light of hope in our eyes, the fire of inspection on our lips, your word on our tongues, and your love in our hearts. Amen.

*SERVICE OF LIGHTS	<i>"Silent Night, Holy Night"</i>	No. 239
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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 hosts 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

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE	<i>"Silent Night"</i>	Nancy Catena
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*Stand if you are able

Question for Reflection

Where do you see the light of Christ magnified in your person, your life, and the ways of your family and community? Notice in the coming week one time each day when the light of Christ is made present for you by others.

Household Prayer

Prince of Peace,
On this morning before Christmas,
I pray for an abiding sense of your peace,
in my life and in the lives of those I love.
I pray, too, for peace to come into every troubled heart,
home, and community.
This day may be rushed and busy,
as it must have been in Bethlehem long ago.
Let there be peace enough in my heart and mind
to receive your good news,
in light; in word; in song; in the faces of others.
In peace, help me to treasure the blessings of this day
and ponder your wondrous love. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Wonderful Counselor,
As Christmas Eve draws to an end,
I ready myself to close my eyes and sleep,
to rest in the peace and confidence of your love.
May all the weary world lie down in peace,
confident that your love will break the darkness
as surely as the sun rises each new morning.
Thank you for memories that warm me this night.
I praise you for the gifts that have blessed and sustained me all day.
I entrust myself and those I love to your care,
until we wake in the morning light of Christmas joy—
to greet Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.