CHRISTMAS EVE
SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA  8:00 P.M.  24 DECEMBER 2021

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand. Feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

PRELUDE  
Christmas Medley  
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

WELCOME & INVOCATION  
The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*HYMN  
THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell, the angel did say, to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked above and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night,
Nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

This star shone bright in the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it seemed to rest,
And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

WORD OF HOPE  
Isaiah 11:1-9  
Bonnie Lange

ANTHEM  
Wind through the Olive Trees  
Robert Lau

CHANCEL CHOIR and BRASS  
Cheryl Anderson, director

WORD OF PEACE  
Romans 12:9-21  
Hackenbracht-Koo family

HYMN [seated]  
GREENSLEEVES

HYMN [seated]  
ST. LOUIS

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.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the glorious love of heaven.
No one discerns God's coming, but in this world of sin,
Where yearning souls long to be whole, the dear Christ enters in

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 Emmanuel!

ANTHEM  
The Word Was God  
Rosephanye Powell

*LITANY AND LIGHTING  

from John 1:1-18

One:  
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
All things were made through the Word, and without the Word was not anything made that was made. In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all.

All:  
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
One:  
The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. Yet to all who received, who believed in his name, power was given to become the children of God, who were born not of the flesh, nor of human will, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;
All:  
And we have seen his glory, the glory of God's only begotten.

*RESPONSE  
ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faithful,
   Sing, choirs of angels,
   Joyful and triumphant,
   Sing in exultation;

   O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
   Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
   Come and behold him,

   O come, let us adore him,
   O come, let us adore him,

   O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

2. Sing, choirs of angels,
   Sing in exultation,
   Sing in the highest;

   Glory in the highest;

   O come, let us adore him,
   Glory to God,

   O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.


SILENT NIGHT

Silent Night

Pastor Dave

BARBARA BROADBENT  
1 John 4:7-21 select (from The Message)  
Barbara Broadbent

ANTHEM  
Star in the East  
arr. David Ashley White

WORD OF LOVE  
Luke 2:1-14  
Wai Yip Kwok

WAI YIP KWOK  
1 John 4:7-21 select (from The Message)
OFFERTORY
Invitation
Music
PeaceUnited.org/Giving
Sure on this Shining Night
James Agee/Morton Lauridsen

100% of your Christmas Eve offering will be directed to relief and support of people in need: 50% to Monarch Services which provides temporary housing for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking; and 50% to Santa Cruz al Salvador which connects Monterey Bay area congregations in service with communities in El Salvador.

PRAYERS

HYMN (seated) STILLE NACHT
The flame from the Christ candle will be relayed to you during the introduction to the hymn. Please do not tip a lighted candle! Tip your unlighted candle to receive the flame from your neighbor.

1. Silent night, holy night,
   All is calm, all is bright;
   *Round you virgin mother and child,
   Holy infant so tender and mild,
   Sleep in heavenly peace,
   Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night,
   Shepherds quake at the sight,
   Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
   Christ the Savior is born,
   Christ the Savior is born.

3. Silent night, holy night,
   Wondrous star, lend your light
   Child of God, love’s pure light,
   With the angels let us sing
   Alleluia to our king!
   Christ the Savior is born,
   Christ the Savior is born.

4. Silent night, holy night,
   Radiant beams from your holy face
   Bring the dawn of redeeming grace;
   Jesus, Lord at your birth,
   Jesus, Lord at your birth.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Following the pastor, please extinguish your candle and remain standing.

*HYMN

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

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns, let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy....

Christ rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of God’s righteousness, and wonders of God’s love....

POSTLUDE

Carillon Sortie

Henri Mulet