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***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** *Joy to the World* #246

POSTLUDE *Voluntary on O Come All Ye Faithful* Marko Hakanpää
David Hein, organ



**Christmas Eve
Traditional Candlelight Service**

December 24, 2024

8:00 p.m.

Worship Staff

Senior Pastor - Rev. Gary Holmes

Director of Care and Women's Ministries - Nell Nash

Director of Youth Ministry (6th & Up) - Kristal Melbye

Director of Children's Ministry (K4-5th) - Samantha Gundrum

Director of Hospitality - Beth Groble

Director of Congregational Growth and Community Engagement - Jenny Fisher

Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries - Neil Bubke

Organist - David Hein

PRELUDE

Coventry Carol arr. Mokelbust
Handbell Choir, Neil Bubke director

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear arr. Hayes
Tony Fidel Perez, violin; Neil Bubke, piano

What Child Is This arr. Benke
Handbell Choir; Neil Bubke organ, David Hein, director

Gesu Bambino Petro Yan
Robin Jette, tenor; Tony Fidel Perez, violin; David Hein, piano

Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m.		*Please stand as able.	
WELCOME		Rev. Gary Holmes	
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Matthew Holmes	
Leader: Come, all who are weary and burdened, to the manger where hope is born.			
People: We come to celebrate the Light that shines in the darkness.			
Leader: Come with hearts open to the wonder of God’s love.			
People: We come to worship Jesus, the Light of the World.			
Leader: Come, let us rejoice in the good news of great joy for all people!			
ALL: Christ is born! Let us worship and give Him praise!			
*HYMN		O Come All Ye Faithful	#234
		st. 1, 2, 3, 6	
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - THE CHRIST CANDLE		Carol, Kristen, and Elle Rymer	
HYMN		O Little Town of Bethlehem	#230
		st. 1 ALL	
		st. 2 Bass voices	
		st. 3 Ella Curran	
		st. 4 ALL	
LESSON		Luke 1:26-35, 38 - The Angel’s Announcement	Andrew Groble
SOLO		Basque Carol	
		Madison Kitchen, mezzo	
LESSON		Luke 2:1-7 - Jesus Is Born	Beth Groble
HYMN		Away in A Manger	#217
		st. 1 Treble voices	
		st. 2 Bass voices	
		st. 3 ALL	
LESSON		Luke 2:8-16 - Announcement to Shepherds	Tom Groble
ANTHEM		The First Nowell	arr. Mack Wilberg
		st. 1 Choir	
		st. 2 Choir	
		st. 3 ALL	
		Then let us all with one accord	
		Sing praises to our heavenly Lord	
		That hath made heaven and earth from nought	
		And with His blood mankind hath bought	
		Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,	
		Born is the King of Israel	
LESSON		Matthew 2:1-2, 10-12 - The Visit from the Magi	Beth Groble
SOLO		O Holy Night	arr. Hayes
		Jenny Han, mezzo; Neil Bubke, piano	
REFLECTION		“The Light of the World”	Rev. Gary Holmes
SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST			
		How Great Our Joy	Craig Courtney
		Chancel Choir; Tony Fidel Perez, violin; David Hein, piano	
*HYMN		Silent Night	#239