

**The Order of Worship
Christmas Eve**

December 24, 2010
7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE *A Babe Is Born in Bethlehem* Dietrich Buxtehude
All Glory Be to God on High Timothy Albrecht
Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella Traditional French Carol
Drummer Boy/Pat-A-Pan Diane Bish

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam
Stephanie Langston, solo

OPENING SENTENCES John 1:1-4, 14
Isaiah 9:6

HYMN 49 *Once in Royal David's City* IRBY
Liane Bouchillon, stanza 1, solo
Congregation stanzas 2-4

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
See Amid the Winter's Snow Goss/arr. Moats
Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:18-25
Go Tell It On the Mountain
Liane Bouchillon, interpretive dance

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION Luke 2:1-7

HYMN 25 *Away in a Manger* MUELLER
(congregation seated)

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION Luke 2:8-14

* HYMN 23 *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION Luke 2:15-20

HYMN 44 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS
(congregation seated)

* THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE
Choirs will move first to the handbell area, then others who are able will gather in a circle around the sanctuary. Please do not go into the choir loft or behind the pulpit.

Star of Bethlehem
Perri and Dan Walden

John 1:9-13

Tonight is the night for which we have been waiting.

We gather as a people of hope, peace, love and joy.

The Light of the World has come.

For unto us a child is born, a Savior has been given.

Tonight we light the Christ Candle in the center of the Advent Wreath.

Because Christ is the center of our lives.

By this light we celebrate the birth of the Christ child long ago in Bethlehem.

We celebrate the rebirth of Christ in our lives this holy night.

May this light of Christ illumine the whole world with the wondrous love of God.

* PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

* THE SPREADING OF THE LIGHT

* HYMN (insert) *Silent Night* STILLE NACHT
Children's Choir: stanza 1; **All: stanza 2**
Sanctuary Choir, stanza 3; **All: stanza 4**

* CHARGE Isaiah 9:2, 60:1-3

* HYMN (insert) *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

* BENEDECTION

* POSTLUDE *O Come All Ye Faithful* Kenneth Walton

*Those who are able, please stand.

Pastor: William B. Wade, Jr.
Parish Associate: Louly F. Hay
Music Director: Alan Bunn
Organist: Alice Walker, CAGO, AAGO
Sound system: Ken Walker

Liane Bouchillon's interpretive dance
was choreographed by Liz Stillerman.



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