

**The Order of Worship
Christmas Eve**

December 24, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Away in a Manger
Mother and Daughter Ensemble
Rebecca Bates and Gracie Bates
Lisa, Liane and Tory Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey-Hawley, Sophia Hawley

Traditional Carols, arr. Hayes

PRELUDE

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Silent Night
Joy to the World
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Polish Carol
Diane Bish
Don Hustad
Dan Miller

OPENING SENTENCES

John 1:1-4, 14
Luke 2:1-6
John 1:10-13
Luke 2:7

HYMN 49

Once in Royal David's City
Gracie Bates: stanza 1, solo
Congregation: stanzas 2-4
(congregation stands to sing)

IRBY

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Time to Say Goodnight (Con te partiro) Sartori/Quarantotto/Peterson
Stephanie Langston, solo
Alice Walker, piano

SCRIPTURE
REFLECTION

Isaiah 40:9-11

"He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd" from *Messiah* G. F. Handel
Bill Cobham, trombone
Alice Walker, organ

SCRIPTURE
REFLECTION

Luke 2:8-14

"Rise Up, Shepherds" from *Light of the World* Patterson
Children's Choir

* HYMN 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:15-16

SCRIPTURE
REFLECTION

Luke 2:17-20

The Bells of Christmastide
Tory Bouchillon, solo
Carol of the Bells
Hand Bell Choir

arr. Berg

arr. Moglebust

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN 44

O Little Town of Bethlehem
(congregation seated)

ST. LOUIS

* THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Choirs will move first to the hand bell 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, duet

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.

* THE SPREADING OF THE LIGHT

- * HYMN (insert) *Silent Night* STILLE NACHT
 Hand Bell Ensemble
 Rebecca Bates, flute
 Jon Paschal, guitar
 Alice Walker, piano

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

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

- * BENEDICTION

- * POSTLUDE *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES



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

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