

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022

7:00pm



(You are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship during the Prelude.)

Prelude

I. Once in Royal David's City
II. Away in a Manger
Sarah Whitfield, flute

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! Psalm 118:24

Musical Introit

Shepherd's Carols (various)

Call to Worship

Deb Olson

One: Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The promise is fulfilled.

Many: Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, hope!

One: Tonight our hope expands to joy and our prayer becomes proclamation.

Many: Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, joy!

One: Tonight, our joy is deepened by love, and our souls are ignited for all the world to see.

Many: Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth love!

One: We are warmed from within, radiating hope, joy, and love.

All: Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all.

*Gathering Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

No. 132

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

O Word made Flesh, you are coming into the world as a babe. You are coming into our midst tonight as light and wisdom, desiring to be known in our lives, and seen in the world around us. Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to see you where we least expect you. Surprise us, challenge us, and light our way. May our joy be a light to the world. Amen.

**All who are able may stand*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Anne & Dewey Harris
The Story of Chrismons		Deb Olson
*Hymn	<i>Away in a Manger (v. 1&2)</i>	No. 150
Scripture	Isaiah 9:2b-7	Deb Olson
Choir Anthem	<i>Who Is This Child?</i> Douglas Wagner	
Scripture	Matthew 1:18-25	Raegan Eddy
Christmas Message		Rev. Amy Lignitz Harken
Music	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter –arr. Craig Courtney</i> <i>Duet: Martha Speed and Margot Stiassni-Sieracki</i>	
Offering		
Offering Music	<i>Hark the Herald</i> <i>Chimes Choir</i>	
*Doxology		No. 47
	<p>All praise, eternal Christ, to thee, Whose advent sets thy people free; Once more upon thy people shine, And fill the world with love divine. Amen.</p>	
*Prayer of Blessing		
	<p>We give you thanks, O God, that you have come to us in the form of a babe in a manger. As your gift of Christ is both precious and timeless, may our gifts tonight reflect our endless love for you, and our endless love for your creation. Bless these gifts as tokens for hope and love for our world. Amen.</p>	
*Hymn	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	No. 135
Christmas Prayer		Rev. Amy Lignitz Harken
Lighting of the Candles		

*Hymn

Silent Night

No. 142

Soloist: Laura Whitney-Brewer, v. 1 in German

*Benediction



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Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: *Tom Kovarik*

Readers: *Deborah Olson*

Raegan Eddy

FCCW Interim Minister: *Rev. Dr. Amy Lignitz Harken*

Organist: *Joel Pierce*

Sexton: *Mary McKinney*

Office Administrator: *Janet Leonard*