

Thank you to Betsy Smith and the members of the PraiseWorks band for the wonderful music tonight!

Thank you to the Creating Spaces Team for their work throughout the season to beautify our sanctuary and lobby for God's Glory.

Thank you to Gene Aucott for illuminating our way!

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### Join us Sundays!

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service Childcare and Children's Worship provided

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# 8:30 p.m. Contemporary Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

**Prelude** 

**Greeting** Pastor Monica

**Old Testament Lesson** *Isaiah 9:2-7* 

Music "Our King Has Come" PraiseWorks Band

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 2:1-5

Music "O Little Town of Bethlehem" PraiseWorks Band

**Advent Wreath Lighting** "Lift Up Your Eyes"

Reader: For anyone who has walked in darkness, a new light has dawned!

All: O come, let us adore him!

Reader: For anyone who has ever felt forgotten, a new light has dawned!

All: O come, let us adore him!

Reader: For anyone whose patience has been put to the test, a new light has

dawned!

All: O come, let us adore him!

Reader: For anyone in search of the way, the truth, and the life, a new day has

dawned!

All: O come, let us adore him!

Reader: Tonight we light all the candles as we open our eyes to the glory of Christ's birth. As we light the first candle, we celebrate the hope that transcends our hurting world. The second candle celebrates the peace that tears the veil of hostility and division. The third candle celebrates the love that covers our guilt. And as we light the fourth candle, we celebrate the joy that can dry every tear. The flame of the Christ Candle opens our eyes to God's everlasting light, as we celebrate the way to worship Christ, our newborn King.

Passing of the peace

**Carol** "Let The World Sing Gloria" PraiseWorks Band

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 2: 8-12

**Carol** "Away In A Manger" PraiseWorks Band

**Live Nativity Video** 

**Christmas Meditation** "Picture Miracles in Our Messiness" Pastor Monica

**Christmas Joy Offering** 

Offertory "The Star Still Shines" PraiseWorks Band

### \*SHARING OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT

As we celebrate the birth of a baby and the coming of a King, we are called to spread the light. We lit our candles as a way to help us remember where Jesus is and others to know. Receive the light from your neighbor with your candle upright and then, lean your candle to share with a neighbor.

\*Carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" No. 239

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 2: 13-20

\*Carol "Joy to the World" No. 246

\*Benediction