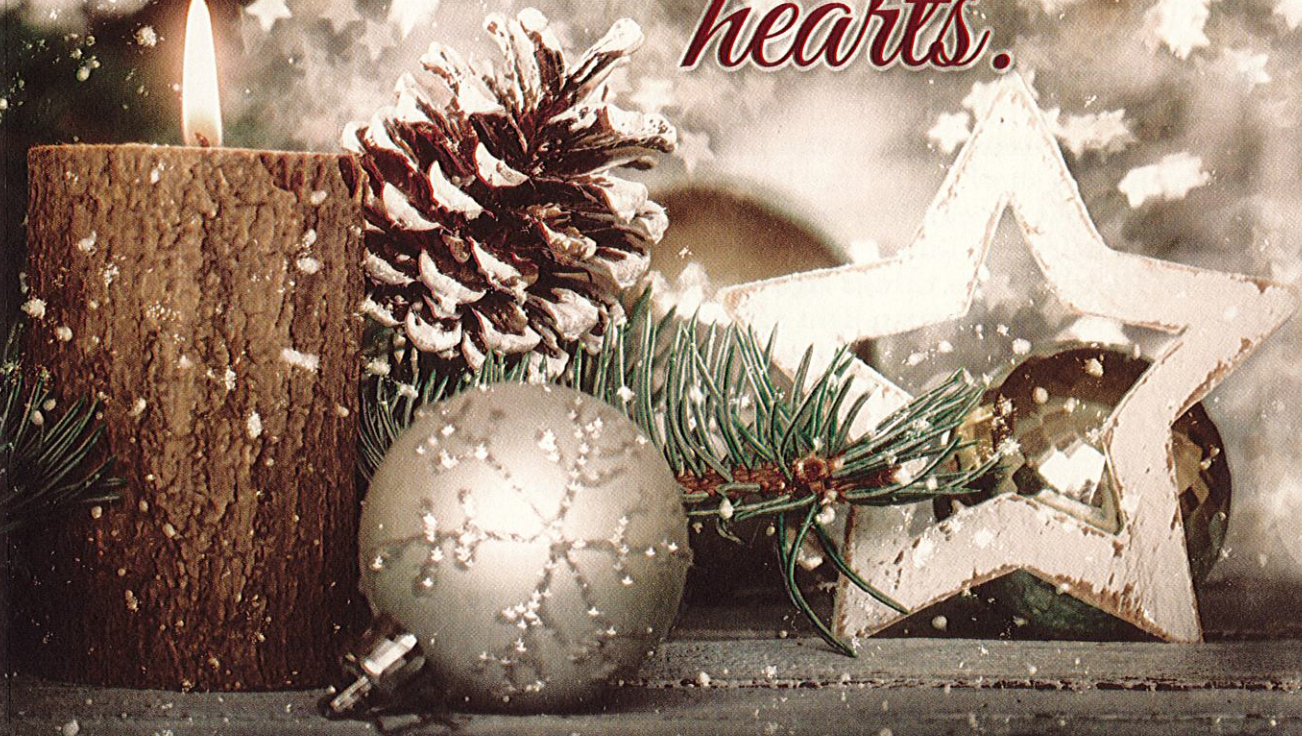


THE MEMORIES THAT TOUCH US,
THE MOMENTS THAT WARM US,
THE GOD WHO LOVES US...

Christmas

SHINES ITS
miracle
IN OUR
hearts.



When they saw him, they worshipped him.

MATTHEW 28:17

Traditional Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2021
10:00 p.m.

Prelude

Christmas Greeting

Pastor Tim

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle

We light these Advent Candles to show that Jesus Christ is our Hope, our Way, our Joy, and our Peace! And we light the Christ candle this night for he has come to lift us up into God's Love! The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it! Dear Lord, open our ears so that we might hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips, that we too may sing with uplifted hearts! Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward all!

***Call To Worship** (Based on Isaiah 2:2-5)

Leader: Come! Let us climb God's high Mountain!

People: Let us draw close to the Lord our God and enter His Heart!

Leader: He will show us the way he works,

People: So that we can live the life the way we are made.

Leader: He will settle things between the nations;

People: He will make things right between many peoples!

Leader: No more will nation fight against nation, swords will be turned into plow shears!

People: And families will be united in the Family of Faith! Let us live in the light of God!

***Hymn**

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

No. 234, Vv. 1,2,6

Prayer (Unison)

Dear Lord, on this most intimate of nights, when we remember you coming to earth in such an open, vulnerable way, we seek to open our hearts anew, prepared to receive what you would share and reveal to us about you, our lives, and our world. We are grateful to once again experience this joyful season. May we not shy away from what we might see, the Truth you want us to know and act upon. May our hearts be attentive to the miracles around us,

as we live generously by your example, and joyfully welcome Jesus to reign over our lives. Bless our homes, our hearts, our families and friends in the days and years ahead. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Anthem "Let There Be Christmas" Chancel Choir
Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 2:1-7

***Hymn** "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" No. 230

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 2:8-20

***Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard On High" No. 238

Christmas Offering

Christmas Offertory "Still, Still, Still (with Brahms' Lullaby)" Chancel Choir
Arranged by Phillip Keveren

***Hymn** "The First Noel" No. 245, Vv. 1, 2

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 Pastor Tim

Christmas Message "Thoughtful Hearts" Pastor Tim

***Sharing of the Christmas Light**

An Invitation to Receive Christ into Our Hearts

*As we celebrate the birth of a baby and the coming of our Redeemer,
we are called to spread the light. We light our candles as a way to help us remember
where Jesus is and to help others to know who Jesus is.*

*Receive the light from your neighbor with your candle by leaning into the flame,
then keep your candle upright to share with a neighbor.*

Christmas Light Hymn "Silent Night" No. 239

***Hymn** "Joy To The World" No. 246

***Benediction** Pastor Tim

Postlude

Passing of the Peace

** Rise in body or in spirit*

Bold Print = Say in unison

We give thanks for those serving in worship:

Music Director: Betsy Smith

Audio Technicians: Michael Duvall and Nate Robinson

Visual Technician : Steve May

Lead Pastor: The Reverend Timothy Carl Anderman

Associate Pastor: The Reverend S. James Mundell



Thank you to Betsy Smith and the Chancel Choir for leading our music.

Thank you to everyone who made this Christmas Eve service possible.

Thank you to the Creating Spaces Team for their work in beautifying
our sanctuary and lobby.

Thank you to Gene Aucott for illuminating our way!



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