



*Contemporary Christmas Eve Service*  
*December 24, 2021*  
*8:00 p.m.*

**Prelude**

**Christmas Greeting**

Pastor Tim

**The Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles**

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 Psalm 96)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord all the earth!

**People: Sing to the Lord, Bless his name! Tell of his salvation love!**

Leader: Declare his glory among all the nations, his marvelous works to all people!

**People: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

Leader: Worship the Lord in Holy splendor; say among all people, "The Lord is King!"

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name! Bring an offering, and come into the heart of the Lord!**

**\*Song**

"Our King Has Come"

PraiseWorks Band

**Prayer** (Unison)

**God of grace and mercy, we have journeyed on a difficult path these past few years. We are grateful, for by your Light, we can see moments when you were right with us, pointing to the miracle of life all around us. You help us see how precious a gift life is, and how hearts can grow closer by your grace. This night, we offer prayers for wholeness and healing for a broken world, humbly asking that we might, as we receive your Light, share it freely. Fill us with your joy, peace, and wholeness in ways that overflow to others, and may we be a source of your blessings in all we do. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**\*Gospel Lessons**

*Matthew 1:18-25*

*Luke 2:1-7*

<b>*Song</b>	“Mary, Did You Know?”	PraiseWorks Band
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<i>Luke 2:8-14</i>	
<b>*Song</b>	“Let The World Sing Gloria”	PraiseWorks Band
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<i>Luke 2:15-20</i>	
<b>*Carol</b>	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	PraiseWorks Band
<b>Christmas Offering</b>		
<b>Duet</b>	“Do You Have Room?”	Betsy Smith & Dave Talley
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<i>Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7</i>	Pastor Tim
<b>Christmas Message</b>	“We No Longer Need To Be In Darkness”	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.*

<b>Christmas Light Hymn</b>	“Silent Night”	No. 239
<b>*Carol</b>	“Joy To The World”	No. 246
<b>*Benediction</b>		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:

Contemporary Music Director: Betsy Smith

Audio Technician: Steve May

Visual Technician : Michael Duvall

Lead Pastor: The Reverend Timothy Carl Anderman



Thank you to Betsy Smith and the PraiseWorks Band 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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