

Traditional Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2022
10:00 p.m.

*Unto Us
a Child is Born*



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 Break forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light) Pastor Jim

Leader: Break forth of beauteous heavenly light! And usher in the morning!

People: O shepherds shrink not with fright! But hear the angel's warning!

Leader: This night of wonder, night of joy, was born the Christ, our brother!

People: He comes not mighty to destroy, but to bid us to love each other!

Leader: How could he quit is kingly estate for such a world of greed and hate?

People: Come dearest child into our hearts and leave your crib behind you!

Leader: Let this be the night where all life starts for those who seek and find you!

People: To you be the honor, thanks, and praise for all your eternal gifts of grace!

*Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

No. 238

Prayer (Unison)

Pastor Tim

O Lord, our God, we thank you for reaching out and coming to us in Jesus. For now we are no longer misled to see you as being far off, aloof, or uncaring; you are God who loves us, and the One who would risk your heart with us. This Christmas, may we come to see, believe, and live in the understanding of how much you seek to transform and reclaim us all, every day, in large and yet personal ways. Show us how you work, so that we can see, as we are created in your image, how we can live as we are made. May we see the miracle of life, and live it fully by your heart, always. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Dave Talley

Anthem

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Chancel Choir

Traditional Polish Carol, Paraphrased by Edith E. M. Reed

Arranged by Howard Helvey

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Dave Talley

*Hymn	“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”	No. 236 Vv. 1, 2, 6
Christmas Offering		
Christmas Offertory	“Unto Us A Son Is Given”	Chancel Choir Words and Music by Joseph Martin
*Hymn	“Away In A Manger”	No. 217
Scripture Reading	<i>Matthew 1:18-25</i> Titus 3:4-8	Pastor Tim
Christmas Message	“Do YOU Think It Is A Ba Humbug?”	Pastor Tim
*Sharing of the Christmas Light	<i>An Invitation to Receive Christ into Our Hearts</i> <i>As we celebrate the birth of a baby and the coming of our Redeemer,</i> <i>we are called to spread the light. We light our candles as a way to help us remember</i> <i>where Jesus is and to help others to know who Jesus is.</i> <i>Receive the light from your neighbor with your candle by leaning into the flame,</i> <i>then keep your lit candle upright to share with a neighbor.</i>	
Christmas Light Hymn	“Silent Night, Holy Night”	No. 239
*Hymn	“Joy To The World”	No. 246
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
Postlude		
Passing of the Peace	<i>* Rise in body or in spirit</i> Bold Print = Say in unison	

We give thanks for those serving in worship:

Lead Pastor: The Reverend Timothy Carl Anderman

Associate Pastor: The Reverend S. James Mundell

Music Director: Betsy Smith

Audio Technicians: Michael Duvall and Nate Robinson

Visual Technician: Steve May



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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9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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