

Service for Christmas Eve
December 24, 2011 10:00 p.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

IN SILENCE

For a child has been born—for us! the gift of a son—for us! He'll take over the running of the world. His names will be: Amazing Counselor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness. Isaiah 9:6 (MSG)

PRELUDE

How Far Is It to Bethlehem
Noel
Still, Still, Still
Carol Medley
What Child Is This?
Away in a Manger

P. Manz
C. Franck
P. Manz
M. Hayes
M. Hayes
L. Larson

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP/LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

The CHRIST CANDLE declares to all the world that today God becomes one with us in the birth of Jesus Christ, and that through him we might become one human family.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

And we beheld his glory, glory as of the Son with the Father.

May the glow of his candle symbolize the light of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ, shining in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. May our paths be lit with his peace, not only now, but through all the days of our lives.

***HYMN # 40**

Joy to the World

***AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S PROMISE & OUR FAITH**

Titus 2: 11-14

**The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,
training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions,
and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly,
while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory
of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity
and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***HYMN # 31**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LESSON FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 2: 1-20 (NIRV)

ANTHEM

O Holy Night

A. Adam/J. Schrader

SERMON

"A Stable Influence"

RESPOND TO THE WORD

CALL TO OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD'S PURPOSES

OFFERTORY *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

arr. L. Larson

SEAL THE WORD IN SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

GO IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION

***HYMN # 60**

Silent Night

Worship Leadership

**Sermon, Rev. Michael Ludwig
Liturgist, Rev. Alex McDougall
Chancel Choir
Sarah Shaffer, Choirmaster
Nancy Deeth, Organist/Pianist**