

Gathering Music: *Please find your seat quietly, kindly silence your cell phone, and prepare your heart and mind to worship Christ, our newborn King.*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming* ~ Betty Polk & Brooks Parker

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Parker Family

Solo: *Still, Still, Still* ~ Rose Christian

• Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light
On those living in a land of deep darkness, a light has shined
 This is the night when creation stood still and held its breath
 For God was doing the most unbelievable thing
It is the night when God embraced humanity from the inside,
As one of us, from birth to death

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth
 Come, let us worship Him on this holiest of nights
Worship Christ, the newborn King

• **Invocation:** Pastor Rob McRay

• **Opening Carol:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
 Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
 O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
 O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
 Lo, He comes forth from the Virgin's womb.
 Our very God, begotten not created,
 O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
 O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above;

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
 O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
 O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
 Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing,
 O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
 O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

• Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, we confess that while we celebrate your coming in Christ,
 We often fail to live in the light you bring.

We seek glory for ourselves rather than for You. And sow division instead of peace
 Forgive us for ignoring the needs of the poor and marginalized,
And for making Christ's birth a sentimental holiday rather than a call to radical change
 Renew our hearts to truly welcome you this night and every day of our lives
And help us to serve others in Your name. Amen.

Special Music: *Away In a Manger* ~ DPC Handbell Trio

Scripture Lesson: *Luke 2:1-7* ~ Mike Terry

Choir Anthem: *In the Bleak Midwinter*, arr. Whitworth

Scripture Lesson: *Luke 2:8-12* ~ Lee Fox

Choir Anthem: *Before the Marvel of This Night*, arr. Schalk

Scripture Lesson: *Luke 2:13-15* ~ Keaton Crumby

Choral Introit: *Angels We Have Heard on High* ~ LOGOS Choir (all current and former members)

Scripture Lesson: *Luke 2:16-20* ~ Mia Mosakowski

Special Music: *Voice of the Manger* ~ Carol Battle & Brooks Parker

Giving and Offertory: *Sussex Carol* ~ DPC Handbell Trio

Meditation: *John's Christmas Mystery* ~ Pastor Rob McRay

Special Music: *O Holy Night* ~ Ben Troxler

The Lord's Supper: Dick Moore

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. As the ushers dismiss your row, please come forward down the center aisle to receive the bread, and proceed to the left or right to dip the bread in the cup. All bread is gluten free. If you are not able to come forward, please remain seated and an usher will serve you.

Candle Lighting & Closing Carol: *Silent Night*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from Heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, Love's pure Light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Benediction: Pastor Rob McRay

Postlude

****The (●) dot in the order of worship invites you to stand as you are able. Text in **bold** indicates unison reading.**

A Special Thank You to the Musicians Participating in Tonight's Service:

Rose Christian, Carol Battle, Ben Troxler, soloists
Leanne Terry, Laura Piper, Libby Francis, handbells
Bobby Chase, violin
Ben Plotnick, violin
Kaitlyn Raitz, cello
Betty Polk, piano
Brooks Parker, piano & organ

Tonight's Security Team: Randy Smith, Dennis Crumby

Tonight's Communion Prep: Leanne Terry

Tonight's Liturgist: Mike Terry

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We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us tonight. If you are a guest, we invite you to fill out a yellow visitor card which you will find in the pew.

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