



December 24, 2022

***Christmas Eve
Service***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Meegian Gossard

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: A light shining in the darkness...

People: What could it be?

Leader: The sound of angels' wings...

People: What could it mean?

Leader: A baby born in a stable...

People: Who could it be?

Leader: Come to Bethlehem and see.

***HYMN**

UMH #230

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of love, choirs of angels sang to your glory on the night of Jesus' birth. Open our mouths to sing your praise, that we might join the heavenly chorus. As the shepherds left their sheep in the fields may we leave our cares behind, that we too may find the hope of our salvation in the Christ child. On this most holy of nights, may our worship benefit the Prince of Peace, who came to show us the depths of your love. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Brazell Family

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Diane Horn

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of light, you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your Holy Scripture we might know your presence and follow in your light always. Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #54

Luke 2:1-20

MEDITATION

Rev. Meegian Gossard

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

UMH #238

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lady Imperio

"Bell Carol"

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

THE TRUTH OF OUR WORLD

THE TRUTH OF GOD

***THE SHARING OF THE LIGHT**

UMH #239

"Silent Night, Holy Night"
(First Verse is Choir Only)

***BENEDICTION**

***AMEN RESPONSE**

UMH #898

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to our worship service this evening. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 25

11:00 am – Lessons and Carols Worship Service

Monday, December 26

Church office closed

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday school groups each Sunday Morning:

Crossroads SS Class meets via Zoom at 9 a.m.
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

Pathfinder SS Class meets at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor in the Education Building.

HEARING INFO

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Pastor Meegian will receive these requests and lift them up for prayer during worship.

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements in today's services.

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