

CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022



**OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS CHRISTMAS EVE**

OPENING CAROL SING

- #120 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
- #175 *Once in Royal David's City*
- #153 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*
- #165 *Away in a Manger*
- #167 *The First Noel*

We gather together...

CHORAL INTROIT: *It All Began in Bethlehem*

ARR.: *Jill Gallina*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE: *Rich and Deeann Puffert*

WELCOME

***HYMN** #147: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7 (*Old Testament page 638*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 96 (*Old Testament pages 550-551*) **Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14 (*New Testament page 215*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

A READING: *A Christmas Letter from Prison*

Bonhoeffer

CHORAL ANTHEM: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

ARR.: *Praetorius*

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:1-14 (*New Testament page 58*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #151: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

HOMILY: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

CHORAL ANTHEM: *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*

Patti Drennan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #172:** *Silent Night*

***BENEDICTION**

May Christ our infant Savior give you the joy of the Bethlehem shepherds, the awe of the worshipping sages, and the humility and love of Mary and Joseph. **Amen.**

May God who sent angels from heaven to proclaim the glad news of our Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel in all you say and do. **Amen.**

May Christ, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven give you God's peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

CHORAL REPSONSE: HYMN #173 *Good Christians All, Rejoice

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Listen now to what we say.

News! News! Jesus Christ is born today!

Come, rejoice, before him bow, as he is in the manger now!

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

HYMN #146: *Joy to the World

POSTLUDE: *Joy to the World*

ARR.: *Norman Johnson*

GREETERS: Darryl Johnson and Cinda Madonna

READERS: Rich and Deeann Puffert

LIVESTREAM: Axel Nelson

