

**Welcome to our Service of Worship
Christmas Eve
December 24th**

Greeting

Lighting of the candle

Call To Worship:

L: Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all people.

P: To you is born this day in the city of David a savior, is Christ the Lord.

***Hymn #240**

Opening Prayer:

This Christmas Eve it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and to see this thing which has come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the story of the loving purpose of God from the first days of our sin until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with carols of praise. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 9: 6-7, Micah 5:2

HYMN #230 1st and last verse

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1: 18-21

HYMN #219 1st and last verse

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2: 1-7

HYMN #217 1st and last verse

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2: 8-20

HYMN #220 1st and last verse

HYMN #246 1st and last verse

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1: 1-15

CANDLE LIGHTING

Leader: It is easy to say that the Child was born in Bethlehem in the days of Herod the king, that Christ is the Light of the world. What do we really know of the Light? Can we affirm the words of Paul, "For this is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of the darkness, ' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of the face of Christ?"

People: We thank you, Father, for your great love gift of Jesus, the Christ. Forgive us for the times when the light of your love in our hearts has been dimmed by our failure to follow him. As we make our pilgrimage to Bethlehem, let our hearts become his manger; let his love live and grow in us that our lives may reflect your love, your will for all persons. Amen.

***HYMN**

**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.**

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**