

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Medley of Christmas Carols

Welcome

Chimes

Lighting of the Advent Candles and Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration, Approach, Confession

Hymns

O Come, All Ye Faithful #145
Angels We Have Heard on High #132
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #133

Bible Reading

Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 807)

Special Music

O Holy Night Mignon Waller

Hymns

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #'s 123, 137
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Bible Reading

Luke 2:1-20 (p. 857)

Hymn

The First Noel #'s 136, 167
O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Special Music

Mary, Did You Know? Mignon Waller

Message

Rev. John Flanagan

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us— even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came among us as the Word made flesh to show us your glory, full of grace and truth. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Acclamation

MINISTER: Your incarnation, O Lord, we celebrate. Your death we commemorate. Your resurrection we confess. Your final coming we await. Glory be to you, O Christ.

RESPONSE: **Christ is born. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Christmas Prayer

Living God, may the worship we have shared this Christmas lead to acts of service which transform people's lives;
may the carols we have sung this Christmas help others to sing, even in their sadness;
may the gifts we have exchanged this Christmas deepen our spirit of giving throughout the year;
may the candles we have lit this Christmas remind us that you intend no one to live in darkness;
may the new people we have met this Christmas remind us that we meet you in our neighbors;
may the gathering together of family and friends this Christmas make us appreciate anew the gift of loved ones;
may the stories we have told again this Christmas be good news of great joy to us and all people on our lips and in our lives;
may the ways you have come close to us this Christmas not be forgotten but, hidden in our memories, be a rich resource to lift us when times are painful and humble us when things go well, for you are our life, our light and our salvation this season and always, because of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn

Silent Night! Holy Night! #147

Benediction

Postlude

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Willis