

**PRELUDE**

**ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT** John 1:1-5 A.J. Stevens, Liturgical Dance

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

An unmarried teenage girl was invited—to carry Christ into this world.

**An ordinary carpenter was invited—to be a father to a child unlike any other.**

The shepherds were invited—outcast and isolated, included at the manger.

**The Magi were invited—foreigners and seekers, included at manger.**

And if she was invited, and he was invited, and they were invited—  
**then we can trust that we too are invited.**

This story is for us. This love is for us. Family of faith, this is our invitation. Welcome home.

**Amen.**

**\* HYMN NO.41** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

**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;**

Refrain

**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; [Refrain]**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH & CHRIST CANDLE** Dale and Tracy Ramont

In God’s house, there is hope—

**For God loves us too much to leave us just as we are.**

In God’s house, there is peace—

**For all that separates us from God falls away.**

In God’s house, there is joy—

**Because the welcome God has for us is nothing short of joyful.**

In God’s house, there is love—

**Because God is love, from start to finish, and that love exists for us all.**

And in the center of our hope, In the center of our peace, In the center of our joy,

In the center of our love, is God—

**who came to this earth to dwell among us.**

So tonight we light the Christ candle, for God’s love just could not stay away.

Welcome home. Amen.

**\*RESPONSE** *Angels We Have Heard On High (refrain)*

**Glo---ria. In Excelsis Deo. Glo---ria. In Excelsis Deo.**

**THE ANGEL GABRIEL VISITS MARY** Luke 1:26-33

**ANTHEM** *I Saw Three Ships* J. Rutter

**JESUS IS BORN** Luke 2:1-7

**HYMN NO.44** *Oh Little Town of Bethlehem* St. Louis

**O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, The everlasting Light,  
The hopes and fears of all the years, are met in Thee tonight.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

**THE ANGEL’S SONG** Luke 2:8-20

**ANTHEM** *Rise Up, Shepherds and Follow*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** *We Still Come*

**\*HYMN NO.4** *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart, prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove,  
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING** *(As the sanctuary lights are dimmed, please turn on your candle)*

**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**

**POSTLUDE** *Angels We Have Heard On High* arr. Fred Bock

\*You are invited to stand as you are able.

**TONIGHT'S WORSHIP LEADERS AND MUSICIANS**

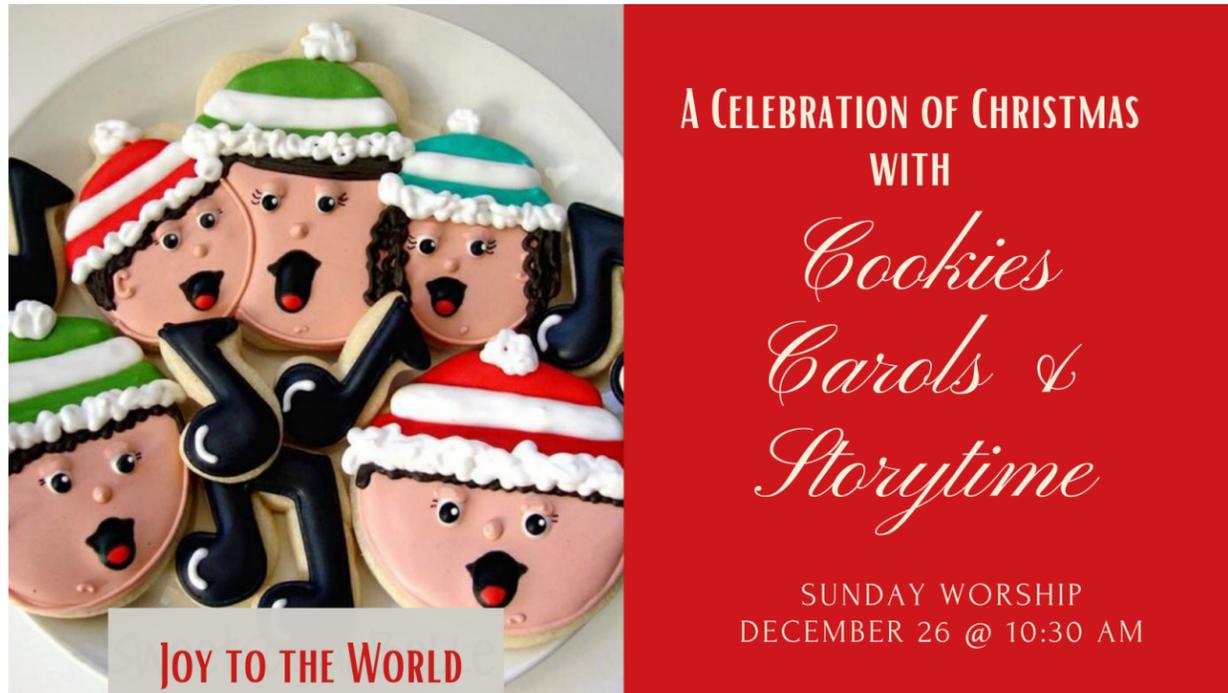
Kim Skilling, Pastor  
David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist  
Dale Ramont & Olivia Kellett,, Liturgists  
Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound  
Liturgy written by Sarah Are Speed @sanctfiedart



**Please Note:** Disneyland fireworks will likely take place during our service this evening. Please do not be alarmed by the loud sound. It is just Disney's addition to our celebration of the birth of Jesus.

**Tonight's Christmas Offering**

For those who wish to make a contribution to the ministry of the church this evening, offering plates are located on a table in the center aisle and on the communion table at the front. Thank you for your support.



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