

An Order of Worship

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

On line Worship

Christmas Greetings

Prelude *Listen to the Angels* arr. M. Hayes
True Light Praise Band

Call to Worship

P: On this holiest of nights,

C: we come, joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.

P: On this most silent night,

C: we come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.

P: On this night of carols and candlelight,

C: we come, our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.

P: On this most reverent night,

C: we come to pay homage to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

P: Let us sing "Glory to the newborn King!"

Carols *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* No. 240
It's Christmas

O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1, 1 latin, 6 & 3) No. 234

Lighting the Christ Candle written by Jennifer Phillips

P: In a little town, known for nothing much, God's holy child was born.

C: Welcome the Light!

P: By the faint light of the moon, Mary and Joseph found their way.

C: Welcome the Light!

P: Shown by a courtyard fire, the open stable door.

C: Welcome the Light!

P: Warm breath of resting beasts, kindly sparkle in their eyes.

C: Welcome the Light!

P: In the shadowy stable stall, Joseph kindled a lamp.

C: Welcome the Light!

P: There Mary gave birth to Jesus, called God-With-Us.

C: Welcome the Light!

P: Angels opened the doors of heaven, and sang, "Glory to God in the highest!"

C: Welcome the Light!

P: Shepherds saw the sky ablaze, left their sheep and came to see.

C: Welcome the Light!

P: In the darkest winter night, God set a brilliant star.

C: Welcome the Light!

P: Magi from the East divined God's shining sign.

C: Welcome the Light!

P: And on this Christmas night with joy, we greet the Child.

C: Welcome the Light!

Song *Light of the World* L. Daigle

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

Anthem *O Holy Night* A. Adam
Connor Murray, solo

Scripture Reading Psalm 96:1-6

Carol *Do You Hear What I Hear?* On Screen

The Christmas Story Luke 2:1-10

The Message Dr. Rev. Vern Bryant
Do You Need to Hear Some Good News?

Call to Communion
O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1 & 4) No. 230

The Great Thanksgiving On Screen

Carol *Silent Night* No. 239
(recorded with music ministry members on December 5, 2020)

Scripture Reading Luke 2:15-19

Anthem *All is Well* arr. Raney
Joyful Sound Ringers and Instrumental Ensemble

Nativity Scene presented by the Wills Family

Benediction

Participants in this Christmas Eve Worship Service:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Vernon Bryant

Director of Music: Barbara Jones

Organist: Debbie Ryan

Praise Team Dir. David Heinze

Praise Team: Steve Beck – drums

Dennis Walls – bass

Tom Walsh - guitar

Charts: Navy Jones

Graphics: Sara Thompson

Videographer: Carl Immediato

Vocalists: Katie Dinsmore, Connor Murray, Steve Beck

All is Well Participants:

Instrumentalists: August and Leah Wardwell – Keyboards

Steve Beck - percussion

Pianist: David Heinze

Bell Choir: Amy and Megan Cziraky, Anne Cloud,
Ruth Jackson, Navy and Josh Jones,
Linsann Kaplan, Valerie Kratunis, Mona Laughlin,
Carolyn Miller, Debbie Ryan,
Polly and Annamarie Warnke

Nativity Family: Jonell & Matt Wills and Lydia

Merry Christmas!!

The Worship Service on December 27th
will be pre-recorded and uploaded on
Saturday, December 26th.