

Evening Worship
Christmas Eve December 24, 2018
A Candle Lighting Service

Gathering in God's Name

Greeting Elder Avery Dickson

Leader: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Prelude *Lo, How a Rose* Jones

Lighting the Christ Candle
Elder Elect Marion Murphy, Elder Bill Malloy, Elder Susan Malloy

*Prayer of Adoration: Kristen Miller

Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people.

Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives.

Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*Carol No. 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Receiving God's Word

First Scripture Lesson – Luke 2:1-7 Elder Bill Malloy

Carol No. 115 *Away in a Manger* (seated)

Second Scripture Lesson – Luke 2:8-14 Elder Brian Brown

Carol No. 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (seated)

Third Scripture Lesson - Luke 2:15-16 Kristen Miller

Carol No. 128 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (seated)

Christmas Homily Elder Avery Dickson
“Aunt Mary’s Favorite Christmas Carol”

Departing: Bearing the Light into the World

The Mystery of the Incarnation–John 1:1-14 Elder Ashley Driggers

The Lighting of the Candles

* The Candle Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night

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
(Please depart the sanctuary in silence and extinguish your candle in the vestibule.)

*Postlude *Carol of the Manger* Wood

*Those who are able are asked to please stand as directed.