# **Service of Holy Communion**

**Hymn 730** 

Elizabeth Ames, Margaret Ann Burnham, Jacob Ingram, Jenna Manning

## \*Service of Lights

(As we begin to sing "Silent Night," Clint will use the Christ Candle to light the candles of the ushers who will, in turn, light a candle at the end of each pew. This is the light of Christ in our world, and in you! As your candle is lit, share that light with your neighbor, so spreading the light and love of Christ throughout our congregation. Although there is, at times, much darkness in the world, if we let the light of Christ shine within us and through us, no amount of darkness can overcome that light.)

\*Closing Hymn Silent Night Hymn 199

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 Rev. Clint McBroom

Postlude Kelley Hill

\*please stand as you are able.



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# CHRISTMAS EVE



Candlelight Communion Service

December 24, 2023

Prelude Kelley Hill

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Clint McBroom

\*Opening Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

**Hymn 180** 

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

\*Call to Worship Margaret Ann Burnham

Leader: Glory to God in the highest,

People: and on earth, peace, good will toward men.

Leader: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

People: Glory be to God on high.

Leader: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the

Lord.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace among those with whom He

is pleased!

\*Opening Prayer Elizabeth Ames

## **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Light One Candle

The Cunningham family

**Advent Candle Lighting** 

The McBroom family

Light One Candle

Congregational Response:

# LIGHT ONE CANDLE

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Special Music O Holy Night Elizabeth Ames

Jordan Cunningham

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Jenna Manning

## **Congregational Singing**

#### O Come, All Ye Faithful

**Hymn 174** 

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, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Chirt the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

## Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymn 191

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria, in excelsis De-o! Gloria, in excelsis De-o!

See Him in a man-ger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. Gloria, in excelsis De-o! Gloria, in excelsis De-o!

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Hvmn 192** 

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 shin-eth the everlasting Light; the hope 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!

\*Scripture Reading John 1:1-4 Jacob Ingram

A Message for Christmas "The Triumphant Light" Rev. Clint McBroom