

The Order of Worship

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

6:00 p.m.

(Please refrain from applause
tonight until after the Benediction.)

PRELUDE *For Christ Is Come Upon Our Way* J.S. Bach
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star George Lachenaur
O Come, All Ye Faithful David Lasky
Sing We Now of Christmas Douglas E. Wagner

OPENING SENTENCES John 1:1-5, 14
Isaiah 40:9

INTROIT *Once in Royal David's City* IRBY
(stanza 1)
Gracie Kate Bates, solo

♣CAROL 140 *Once in Royal David's City* IRBY
(stanzas 2-4)

♣PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-3; 40:3-5

REFLECTION

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN ROS
Bill Cobham, trombone Alice Walker, organ

Time to Say Goodnight Sartoni, Quarantotlo, Petersen
Stephanie Langston, solo Alice Walker, organ

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 7:14

Gesu Bambino Pietro A. Yon
Mother and Daughter Ensemble Loucy Hay, piano

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38

REFLECTION

Mary, Did you Know
Gracie Bates, solo Alice Walker, piano

SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2

CAROL 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS
(seated)

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

CAROL 115 *Away in a Manger* MUELLER
(seated)

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:10-11

♣CAROL 123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL
(stanzas 1, 4, 5)

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14

♣CAROL 113 GLORIA
Angels We Have Heard on High

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:15-20

O Holy Night Adolph Adam
Janet Carmichael, solo Alice Walker, organ

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen TRADITIONAL
Adriane Ivey and Sophia Hawley

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-3

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem
Perri and Dan Walden
(Those who are able will gather in a circle around
the sanctuary. Please do not go behind the pulpit.)

✦LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Isaiah 9:6

✦CAROL (insert) *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT
Dan Walden, guitar Jon Paschal, guitar

✦CHARGE Isaiah 60:1-3

Leader: Tonight is the night for which we have been
waiting.

**People: We have gathered as a people of hope,
peace, love and joy.**

Leader: The light of the world has come.

People: Joy to the World!

✦CONGREGATIONAL REPSONSE (see insert)

Joy to the World (stanzas 1 and 4) ANTIOCH
Perri Walden, violin Dan Walden, guitar

✦BENEDICTION Isaiah 55:12

✦POSTLUDE Paul Laubengayer

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Alice Walker, Organ

✦Please stand if you are able.



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