

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
December 24, 2015

Prelude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Piano
French Carol Melody, arr. by Craig Curry

Welcome Mike Green

Lighting of the Christ Candle The Green Family

Responsive Reading Steven Moses

Leader: The People who have walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: those who lived in a land of deep darkness
— on them light has shined.**

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;

**People: and he is named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and for evermore.

Hymn 278 *Angels We Have Heard On High* Congregation

Matthew Tells of Jesus' Birth Tom Stephens
Matthew 1.18-23

Prayers of the People Ande Myers

The Angel Visits Mary Luke 1.26-33 David Root

Worship Music *Mary, Did You Know?* Vocal Ensemble
arr. by Pentatonix

Jesus is Born Luke 2.1-7 Tanner Logan
Brileigh Logan
Zoie Moore

Worship Music *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Youth Quartet
Text: Phillips Brooks, music: Lewis H. Redner
arr. by Dennis Allen

The Shepherds Go to the Manger Frankie Ball
Luke 2.8-16

Reflection Ande Myers

A Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Bread *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head* Piano
Traditional, arr. Rick Barham

The Cup *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* Piano
By Richard S. Willis, arr. by Sandra Eithun

Response Jolly Sharp

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

**People: If we say that we have fellowship with him
while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do
what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is
in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and
the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Sharing the Light

A candle will be lit from the Christ Candle of the Advent wreath. The light will then be distributed throughout the congregation. Remember, the lighted candle remains upright, and the unlighted candle is tipped to be lighted.

(Sing verse one of each of the following.)

Hymn 270	<i>Joy to the World</i>	Congregation
Hymn 277	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	Congregation
Hymn 262	<i>Away in the Manger</i>	Congregation
Hymn 253	<i>Silent Night! Holy Night!</i>	Congregation
Benediction		Ande Myers



Thank you for sharing this most holy of nights with us. Our prayer is that Christ's light may remain with you throughout this joyous season and always. We invite you to take your light forth and spread the Light of Jesus Christ into the world around you.

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