

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2018**

PRELUDE
GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: To us, watchful and waiting, a gift has been slipped into our midst.

P: A tiny child, born in a manger,

L: A gift of peace to troubled souls and dangerous streets,

P: A gift of joy to sad hearts and cautious lives,

L: A gift of hope to wearied brows and oppressed peoples,

P: A tiny child, gift of God,

L: Open your hearts; raise your songs.

P: Give thanks to the giver; welcome the gift.

OPENING HYMN NO. 234 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful" v. 1*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Dick & Leatha Franta
Nate & Nick

We light the Christ Candle for the first time on Christmas Eve, and continue to light it every time we worship together, to remind us that it is never extinguished.

OFFERING *"Mary Did You Know?"* Choir

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2; 6-7
HYMN NO. 246 *"Joy to the World" v. 1*

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 11:1-3a; 4a; 6-9
HYMN NO. 230 *"O Little Town of Bethlehem" v.1*

THIRD LESSON Luke 1:26-35; 38
HYMN NO. 240 *"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" v. 1*

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:1, 3-7
HYMN NO. 217 *"Away in a Manger" v. 1*

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16
HYMN NO. 236 *"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks v. 1*

SIXTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-12
HYMN NO. 254 *"We Three Kings" v. 1*

SEVENTH LESSON John 1:1-14

ANTHEM *"Christ is Born this Holy Night"*

MESSAGE *"The Gift of Good News"* Pastor Peg Welch

HYMN NO. 239 *"Silent Night"*
We light candles to celebrate the coming of the Light of Christ into the world.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!



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