



Wednesday, December 24th, 2025
Christmas Eve | 4:00 P.M.

▲ *The congregation is invited to stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Seasonal Music for Instruments and Voice

▲ *Call to Worship*

In Advent, we have been waiting for our liberation.
Liberation is received, *not* achieved.
It's a gift from God—
one that frees us from the need to prove ourselves;
frees us from the lie that more is always better;
frees us from the need to compare ourselves to one another.
Liberation is the feeling of enough;
it's a life full of joy that rests in a simple truth:
I have enough. I am enough. God is enough.

▲ **Processional Carol 133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

1. 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,
Christ, the Lord!

2. True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God,
begotten, not created!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

3. Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God,
all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

Lighting the Christ Candle and the Prayer of Jesus

**Our Beloved Creator,
who lives in the eternal,
your name is Love.
May Love rule our hearts
here and now,
as it will in the eternal.
Give us the gift of enough for today.
Release us from our burdens and lead us back to you,
that we may liberate others by our love.
Protect our hearts from other desires,
and rescue us from suffering.
Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Listen to the Word of God

Marilyn Haskel

**Listen to the word of God, Alleluia
Hear the living word, Alleluia alleluia.**

Setting the Scene - Bethlehem

Carol 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Stanzas 1 and 3 only

ST. LOUIS

Luke 2:1-7 - The Holy Family

Anthem

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

West Indian Carol
arr. Hal H. Hopson

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, and they said that his name was Jesus. He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom. The angels sang when the baby was born and proclaimed him the Savior Jesus.

Luke 2:8-14 - The Angels

Carol 113

Angels We Have Heard On High
Stanzas 1 and 2 only

GLORIA

Luke 2:15-20 - The Shepherds

Carol 135

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow

FOLLOW

Matthew 2:1-5a, 7-11 - The Magi & Stars

▲ *Carol 147*

The First Nowell
Stanzas 3 and 4 only

THE FIRST NOWELL

Call to Offering

Offertory

How Great Our Joy!

German Carol
arr. John Rutter

While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tiding brought an angel bright. How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a child today. There shall the Child lie in a stall, this Child who shall redeem us all. This gift of God we'll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill.

Lighting of the Christmas Candles

Candlelight Carol

1. 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.

2. 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!"

3. 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.

4. 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.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729

J.S. Bach

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Ryan Wallace, Pastor

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Pastor

Jim Riggs, Director of Music Ministries

Jack Naglick, Organ Scholar

Lisa Nester, Transitional Educator

The Joyful Noise

Intergenerational PopUp Choir

The Fairmount Chamber Singers

Charlotte and Peter Bush, Piano

Charlotte Bush, Mae Wallace, Zusia Wilbur, soloists

Dr. Tyler Young, Audiovisual Engineer

Vicki Mentrek, timpani