



this
is how
we do
it.

*reclaim our humanity.
embody God's love.*

Wednesday, December 24th, 2025
Christmas Eve | 7:00 & 10:00 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 wait 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

What We Need Is Here
Please join the choir in singing:

Amy McCreath

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Lighting the Christ Candle

▲ *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!

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!

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!

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!

Christmas Prayer 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.

Statio

Prayer for Illumination

Listen to the Word of God

Marilyn Haskel

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

First Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Anthem

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

Traditional French Carol

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing. Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, and i-o, i-o, i-o by priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Pray you dutifully prime your Matin chime, ye ringers; may you beautifully rime your Eve-time song, ye singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! (G.R. Woodward)

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 8, selected verses

Meditation

Restoring Faith in Humanity

▲ Carol Medley

IN DULCI JUBILO/ST. LOUIS/GLORIA

Good Christian Friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above the deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Call to Generosity

Offertory

Still, Still, Still

Austrian Carol arr. Norman Luboff

Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber. (Marilyn Keith and Alan Bergam)

Lighting of the Christmas Candles

▲ *Candlelight Carol Hymn 122*

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

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.

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.

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!"

4. Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend they 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

Rhapsody on Noels

Eugene Gigout

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Ryan Wallace, Pastor

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Pastor

Rev. Andrew Genszler, Pastor

Jim Riggs, Director of Music Ministries

Jack Naglick, Organ Scholar

Kate McFadden, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Dr. Tyler Young, audiovisual engineer

The Fairmount Choir

The Fairmount Handbell Choir

Section Leaders of the Fairmount Choir: Amir Hall, Matthew Jones, Jackie Josten, Brianna Mosley, Jake Sonnenberg, and Lauren Vanden Broeck.

Vicki Mentrek, Timpani