



**ORDER OF WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2018
7:00pm**



**indicates a time to stand if you are able*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

MUSIC OF ENGAGEMENT

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Dr. Christopher Davis

St. Andrew's Choir;

Evan Schindler, directing

Rev. Suzanne Malloy, pastor

WELCOME

*** PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

OTHER: And also with you.

THE COMMUNITY WORSHIPS GOD TOGETHER

*** WE SING TOGETHER**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Hymnal, #41

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES (THOMAS/VOIGT FAMILY)

CAROL OF ADORATION

“Joy to the World”

Hymnal, #40

WE CONFESS TOGETHER *unison*

Lord Jesus, we come to you this most holy of nights with gladness, grief and joy. We are glad because you came to bring the light and warmth of Heaven's glory to a dark and cold world. We grieve, because so many in the world did not welcome you. We still turn away from you when we fail to extend your love, your peace and your joy to others. Yet we rejoice, because you offer perfect forgiveness to all. Cleanse our hearts this night, that we may welcome you into our hearts and into our lives. We pray this in the name of the One who comes in humility and love, amen.

WE SING GOD'S GRACE

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”, vs. 3

Hymnal #48

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS AND DISCERNS TOGETHER

THE FIRST LESSON

“The Poetry of Christmas”

Rev. Suzanne Malloy

Luke 2: 1-5

“Joseph's Other Dream” *by Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal #43

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 2: 6-7
"The Nativity" *by C.S. Lewis*
"Away in a Manger"

Porter Spencer
Hymnal #24

THE THIRD LESSON

Luke 2: 8
"Angels Still Appear" *by Ann Weems*
"The First Nowell"

Emma Voigt
Hymnal #56

THE FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2: 9-12
"The Season of Affirmation" *by Howard Thurman*
"What Star is This, With Beams So Bright"

Linda Sorensen
Hymnal #68

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2: 13-14
"A Christmas Hymn" *by Richard Watson Gilder*
"Angels We Have Heard On High"

Linda Sizer
Hymnal #23

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2: 15-18
Shepherd's Carol *by Dave Armstrong*
"Rise Up, Shepherd, And Follow"

Bob Shapiro
Hymnal #50

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2: 19-20
"God of Small Things" *by Ana Lisa De Jong*
"What Child Is This?"

Hannah Sommers
Hymnal #53

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD

ANTHEM OF CHRISTMAS

"Still, Still, Still"

St. Andrew's Choir;
Evan Schindler, directing

THE OFFERING

THE FINAL NARRATION

Luke 1: 46-55
"Amazing Peace" *by Maya Angelou*
"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Evan Schindler, soloist

LIGHTING THE CONGREGATION'S CANDLES

* **THE CHRISTMAS CAROL OF PEACE**

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Hymnal, #60

* **THE BENEDICTION**

THE COMMUNITY GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS

Dr. Christopher Davis

*Everyone is invited for refreshments and Christmas cheer
in Morgan Hall immediately following this evening's service.
Hosted by the St. Andrew's Deacons*

**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO ALL
IN THIS HOUSE!**

We warmly welcome our guests to this candlelight service.
If you don't already have a church,
we invite you to join us for worship and fellowship on
Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

*If you ordered a **Poinsettia**, please take it home this evening. Thank you!*