



The People of God in Worship
Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2017
Five O'Clock in the Evening

THE PRELUDE

Please consider the organ prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship. Let us listen, pray, and make space for a meeting with God in this sacred place!

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate and give to the Pastor. Welcome and thank you!

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Emma Kate Russell

Leader: Holy Child, source of smiling joy and eternal hope, look upon us with tender eyes this night.

People: **Holy Child, bring your light to the hidden corners of our lives, so that our fears will be diminished and our faith enhanced.**

Leader: Holy Child, touch our wounds and lift the hurts and resentments we carry. Grant us the grace to sing songs of hope and to speak words of peace.

People: **Holy Child, draw close to those who celebrate on this night without a loved one, and be near to those whose health or poverty dims the angelic chorus.**

Leader: In all and in each, cause our hearts to leap in wonder, our eyes to shine with joy, and our souls to swell with love.

People: **O Holy Child of Bethlehem, be born among us tonight, we pray in your name, Amen.**

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL No. 249**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE CHRIST CANDLE

Janna Russell and Caroline Russell

Leader: Tonight we find the four Advent candles aflame, reminding us that the coming of the light of God into the world brings hope, peace, joy, and love.

People: **Jesus Christ is the greatest gift who makes all these other gifts possible. Therefore, we light the Christ candle, as we reflect on what Christ's coming means to each of us.**

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE**

On This Day, Earth Shall Ring

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2-7

Emma Kate Russell

Leader: A Word for the People of God!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

On Christmas Night

Ralph Vaughan Williams

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

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TRIO

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
(Debbie Burton, Noah Grabeel, and Victoria Grabeel)

Hall, Oliver, and Herms

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter

arr. Craig Courtney

***A MEDLEY OF CAROLS** (see insert)

SOLO

O Holy Night

Adolph Adams

***SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

All are welcome to share in the bread and the cup.
Please exit your row to the center aisle so you may receive communion by intinction.
Intinction is the method by which you first place the communion
wafer into the cup, then to your mouth.
You may return to your pew by way of an outside aisle.

***THE GIVING OF GIFTS**

As you return to your seat, we invite you to place an offering
in the basket to help support Kid's Haven.

***RECESSIONAL CAROL**

Silent Night

(see the back of the bulletin)

*As the house lights go down, the illumination of the Christ Candle is enhanced.
As we sing "Silent Night" together, the choir will process down the aisles and surround
us with their presence, as we combine our voices in praise of the "Son of God, love's pure light."*

***THE POSTLUDE**

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- * The ushers will seat those waiting.
 - * Those who are able will please stand.
 - * Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

Silent Night

**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.**

**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!**

**Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.
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