

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2025, 7pm



Come. Let's make a world of difference!

Celebrating the unconditional welcome we receive from God through Christ, we join together in worship, community, and witness:

to wrestle with deep questions of faith,
to grow in love for God and one another,
to confront oppression and injustice, and
to extend God's boundless hospitality to all.

**Rev. Dr. Rae Karim, Interim Senior Pastor
Blake Boily, Minister of Music**

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Christmas Medley - Arr. Mark Hayes, John Carter
Jenny McAllister (flute), Keith Mikesell (piano)

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Rae Karim

*OPENING CAROL

#148, O Come All Ye Faithful
Congregation: v.1, 2, 4; Choir: vs. 3

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Rae Karim

INTRO TO THE CHRISTMAS STORY

THE COMMUNITY HEARS THE CHRISTMAS STORY

CAROL SCRIPTURE STORY

Luke 2:1-7

#165, v 1-2, Once in Royal David's City
Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins
Pastor Rae Karim

CAROL SCRIPTURE STORY

Luke 2:8-14

#144, v1-2, O Little Town of Bethlehem
Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins
Pastor Rae Karim

*CAROL SCRIPTURE STORY

Luke 2:15-18

#150, Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins
Pastor Rae Karim

CAROL SCRIPTURE STORY

Luke 2:19-20

#151, v1-3 The First Noel
Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins
Pastor Rae Karim

Story creation by Rev. Martha Spong, adapted 2011

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Rae Karim

*To join your life with Christ and the life of this community,
please come forward in response to this invitation.*

* stand in body or spirit as you are able

THE COMMUNITY SHARES GOD'S ABUNDANCE

*ANTHEM

Keep Silence - Arr. John Helgen
Jenny McAllister (flute)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING & TO THE TABLE

Pastor Rae Karim

Offering may go in offering plates around the sanctuary, or you may bring it when you receive communion.

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Lisa Turner

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor Rae Karim

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

O Holy Night - Arr. John Wilson
Keith Mikesell (organ), Zach Crowder (piano)

Take and eat the bread. Take and drink the cup. (Your empty cup can be placed in the container.)

*Receive a candle from a deacon, and move into a circle around the sanctuary
so we can see the light grow as we sing Silent Night.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Rae Karim

SHARING THE LIGHT

Silent Night

As we sing, please pass the light of Christ to the person next to you.

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child,
 holly 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 the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Rae Karim

POSTLUDE

Keith Mikesell

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Christmas!***