



***A thriving faith community
engaged in compassionate service.***



December 24, 2025

10:00 p.m. Worship Service

Live Streaming on Facebook plus On Demand on YouTube

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Order of Service

*Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude

Angels’ Carol

John Rutter

Greetings

Candle Lighting – Christ Candle (Claudia and Mike Rodems)

Reader 1 - In a fearful world, where do you see the presence of God?

Reader 2 - I see God’s fingerprints all around us. I see God in the beauty of the stars. I see God in the love of this community. I see God in the dreams we hold for a better world.

Reader 1 - You are right. Even in a fearful world, God is here. God is all around us.

Reader 2 - On this holy night, we light the Christ Candle as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, God’s love is all around us.

Light Candles

All - Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.

Introit

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

*Call to Worship

Leader: On this holy night, we come,

People: Dazzled and awe-struck, ready to sing alongside the angels.

Leader: On this holy night, we come,

People: Eager and hopeful, ready to journey alongside the shepherds.

Leader: On this holy night, we come,

People: Quietly and tenderly, ready to worship alongside Mary.

Leader: On this holy night, we come, singing, trusting, believing, proclaiming: good news is louder than fear.

ALL: Let us worship our good news, with-us God.

*Opening Hymn #113

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Invitation to Confession

Leader: Family of faith, on the night of Jesus’ birth, a crowd of angels appeared before a group of rag-tag shepherds to tell them the good news.

The angels *could* have gone to Herod’s house.

The angels *could* have sung in the city square.

The angels *could* have found the most important, faithful, and powerful to share the good news, but instead they told a group of low-status shepherds. The angels’ message was clear: this is good news of great joy for all people. The good news of this night is for you too—no matter who you are, what you’ve done or left undone. The angels are singing for you. So, join me in the Prayer of Confession. Join me in drawing closer to the God who has already drawn close to us. Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of angel choruses, you hang the stars in the sky, but we do not see them. You fill the night with an angelic song, but we do not hear it. You send shepherds to tell the good news, but we do not believe them. You bring love into the world, but we do not seek it. Quiet the fear in us that works to rationalize, minimize, and distract from the good news you put forth into the world. Tune our hearts back to your song. With hope we pray, Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This is the good news: love freely given, grace radically extended, welcome always offered, belonging never restricted. Friends, we are seen, loved, welcomed, forgiven, called, and sent to serve.

People: Thanks be to God, Amen!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, let us now share the signs of that reconciliation with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. (Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you saying “Peace be with you”.)

Anthem

I Wonder As I Wander
Wilson Memorial Handbell Choir

Niles, arr. Peggy Bettcher

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20; N.T. pg. 58

Sermon

The Good News

Rev. Dr. Wylie Hughes

The Offering
Offertory

Invitation to the Manger
Sanctuary Choir

Joseph Martin

Barry and Heather Dietsch.

LESSONS CAROLS

One Service ~ December 28, 10:30am



Family Faith & Food

Epiphany Celebration

Sunday, January 4, 9:30am
Fellowship Hall

Families with kids of all ages are invited
to a delicious breakfast as we begin the
second half of the program year.



Use the QR Code
to RSVP!



Epiphany Services
8:30am & 10:30am