

# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

December 24, 2020

*“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;  
He is Christ the Lord.”*

*Luke 2:11*

Piano Prelude

\* **Introit** (to the tune “Away in a Manger”)

**Now let the good tidings of Great Joy be heard:  
Fulfilled in Christ’s birth is the prophet’s sure word.  
As each land and nation is told of this birth,  
The dawn of salvation brings light to the earth.**

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: We gather today to celebrate with great joy the Good News.

**People: Yes, for to us was born this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest,

**Unison: And on earth peace, good will to all.**

\* Hymn # 145 “O Come All Ye Faithful”

**UNISON CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

Your steadfast love endures forever, O God; Your name is heralded throughout the land. Songs of rejoicing are heard in Your sanctuary as hymns of praise proceed from our mouths. You fill Your people with the gift of Your Holy Spirit; You send forth a Savior with the promise of new life. You are our God, and great are Your wonderful deeds. Forgive our deliberate and indirect misuse of Your graciousness, and make us worthy to receive Christ in our lives. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 1497)

Scripture Reading: Micah 5:2-5a (p. 1445-46)

Anthem: “Once in Royal David’s City”

Chris Rugh, Michelle Kahley and Eilene Stephens

A Time of Prayer

\*Hymn # 132 “Angels We Have Heard On High”

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory

\*The Doxology

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

The Candle of Kings

“Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming” Pastor Tim

The Shepherd’s Candle

Special Music: “While Shepherd Watched Their Flocks”  
Christine Rugh

The Angel’s Candle

Special Music:

“Go Tell It On the Mountain” Rachael Sandhaas-Hoke

The Candle of Bethlehem

Special Music “Away in the Manger”

Chris Rugh, Michelle Kahley and Eilene Stephens

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-14 (p. 1590-91)

Christmas Meditation

Christmas Communion

**Advent Candle Song  
(Congregation sings)**

**Light the Christmas candle now,  
Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow.  
Birthday candles for the King,  
Let the alleluias ring.**

**Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Shining in the cold winter night.  
Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Special Music by Eilene Stephens:  
"O Holy Night"*

Hymn # 147 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

