

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Service 2023

Prelude

Welcome

* **Call to Worship:** Responsive Reading from **Micah 5:1-2**

Pastor: Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops.

Congregation: Siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek.

Pastor: But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah.

All: From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

* **Opening Hymn:** #196 Red Hymnal "*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*"

* **Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Special Music: "*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*" - Ellen and Anna Singh (flute/violin)
(composed/arranged by Sharon Wilson)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

Hymn: #213 Red Hymnal "*What Child Is This*"

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Special Music: "*Breath of Heaven*" - Women's Vocal Ensemble
(arranged by Roger Emerson)

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14

Hymn: #203 Red Hymnal "*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*"

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:15-20

Christmas Homily: "*The Incarnational Treasure*" - Pastor Scott Edburg

Sacrament of Communion

* **Lighting of the Candles**

* **Hymns:** "*Silent Night! Holy Night!*" and "*Joy to the World!*" (Lyrics printed on the back cover of bulletin)

* **Benediction**

“Silent Night! Holy 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,
Heav'nly 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.

Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior is born!

“Joy to the World!”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n
and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world
with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love;
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders
of his love.