

Prelude

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship

Leader: When all things lay in silence and the night was deep and dark, your Word leaped down from your royal throne, O God.

People: So we rejoice and give you praise, that your Word may live in us and that we may glorify you forever. Amen.

Song of Devotion

Invocation

God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ’s presence in the shadows of our world so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice and defenders of all for whom there is no room.

- **Carol of Praise** (hymnal and screen)
#278 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5 (p. 1062)

Reader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming.

People: We are preparing for the full coming of God’s kingdom.

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-3, 6-9 (p. 1076)

Reader: Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

People: and all the people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Hymn:

#281 *What Child is This?*

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-2 (p. 1111)

Reader: Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low;

People: the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

• Hymn

#251 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

Scripture: Isaiah 7:14 (p. 1070)

Reader: The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory

People: The glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Now Let All the World Be Silent* Jay Althouse
The offering tonight will go to the Christmas Joy Offering.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Scripture: Luke 2:8-21 (p. 1497)

Reader: Jesus is our Savior, our Messiah, the Lord who came for us and for our salvation!

All: He is the Son of God, our light in this dark world!

Special Music

O Holy Night Pat Hemming

Homily:

“Come Behold Him” Pastor Bryan Kunz

Hymn

#259 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (v. 1, 2, & 5)

Service of Holy Communion

Partake of the bread as it is served;
Hold the cup to drink together as one body.

Passing of the Light

(Hold lit candles straight up and dip unlit candles toward the flame to light them)

- **Carol**

#253 *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

Benediction

Postlude



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CHRISTMAS EVE

"Let us now go to Bethlehem
and see this thing that has come
to pass; which the Lord has
made known to us."

Luke 2:15; NKJV