Christmas Eve
Invited Home (Welcome)

December 24, 2021
6:00pm MT

Order of Worship

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude

Silent Night
arr. by Robert Lau
Lana Zoltowski

Call to Worship/Candle Lighting Liturgy

Linda Currin’s Care Group

One: In this sacred time and space, we are welcomed home.

Many: Here in God’s house, there is hope (the first candle is lit)
One: For God loves us too much to leave us just as we are.

Many: In God’s house, there is peace (the second candle is lit)
One: For all that separates us from God falls away.

Many: In God’s house, there is joy (the third candle is lit)
One: Because God created music, and coffee, and dance floors,

Many: and laughter that is contagious, and peek-a-boos with babies;
One: and if those things have God’s fingerprints, then God’s house surely exudes joy.

Many: In God’s house, there is love (the fourth candle is lit)
One: Because God is love, from start to finish, and that love exists for us all.

Many: And in the center of our hope, our peace, our joy and our love is God, Emmanuel—
One: who entered our home to dwell among us. So tonight we light the Christ candle, for God’s love just could not stay away.

Many: Family of faith, welcome home. Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

As We Light the Candle

As We Light the Candle by Rev. John Kupar
(to the tune of “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” CH 124)

Christmas Eve – Light

As we light the candle of Christ,
We celebrate that Jesus has come.
Share the good news God is with us,
A baby, pure love God has shown.
Christ has come to us, Immanuel,  
May we carry Christ close to home.

Opening Prayer 
Care Group
Holy God, we’ve heard this story a million times— Mary and Joseph, the angels, the shepherds. We’ve heard it a million times, but we want to hear it like it’s the first. So move among us. Circle back. Draw close. Crack open our hearts and fill them with your goodness. Help us to hear what it is you might be saying to us with curiosity, joy, and hope. This is an invitation. Come be here with us. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Hymn 
O Come, All Ye Faithful 148
Ash Jones, guitar

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer (in unison) 
Rev. Dawn
Blessed One, our Father and our Mother. Holy is your name. May your love be embodied in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Protect us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 
O Holy Night

The Story of Mary and Joseph 
Sung Response People Look East 142 (v 1)

The Story of the Census 
Sung Response Luke 2:1-5 
O Little Town of Bethlehem 142 (vv 1, 4)

The Story of a Birth 
Sung Response Luke 2:6-7 
Once in Royal David’s City 165 (vv 1, 3)

Children’s Moment 
Rev. Meredyth Jones

Special Music 
He Is Born, the Holy Child 
by Jason W. Krug 
Vista Bells

The Story of the Shepherds & Angels 
Sung Response Luke 2:8-14 
Angels We Have Heard on High 155 (v 1, 2)

Call to Stewardship 
Care Group
Our offering tonight will go to provide for students who look to Locker #505 here in Albuquerque for clothing. Locker #505 is a student-focused facility where children can try on and choose outfits that they feel good about wearing. Having appropriate school clothing allows children to concentrate on their schoolwork, not their clothing. It also helps keep children, who might not go to class because of their clothes, stay in school. Your generous offering will help to further this important work.
Special Music  Murmurs in a Stable  Vocal Ensemble
by Craig Courtney

The Story of the First Visitors  Luke 2:15-18
Sung Response  What Child Is This  162 (v 1, 2)

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship
  Invitation to the Table  Anne Loveless
  Communion Hymn  We Come as Guests Invited  Rev. Dawn
  Words of Institution  Gerri Warner
  Prayers for the Elements
  Receiving Communion Together as One Body in Christ
  (Everyone is encouraged to take Communion at the same time as signaled.)

Prayer of Dedication  Care Group

The Story of Home  John 1:1-5, 9-14
Hymn  Silent Night

Benediction  Rev. Dawn

Sending Hymn  Joy to the World
Postlude  Hallelujah from “Messiah”  Lana
by G. F. Handel

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Worship Leader and Candle Lighting: Linda Currin’s Care Group
Michael Cooke & Laurel Deming, Song Leaders
Vocal Ensemble: Kate Austin, Lou Blackwell, Lois Cook, Michael Cooke, Laurel Deming, Dave Hesse, Meredyth Jones, Lauri Rigler
Wally Miller, Sound  Frank Shaffer, Livestream
Lana Zoltowski, Organist/Pianist  Rev. Meredyth Jones, Associate Minister
  Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister, Presiding
O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant,
   O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
   come and behold him, born the King of angels;
   O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
   sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
   Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
   let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

3. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
   we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
   who would not love thee, loving so dearly?
   let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation,
   Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
   Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
   O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Chorus
Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night, O holy night, O night divine.

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming;
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand:
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from Orient land,
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;

Chorus

He knows our need, To our weakness no stranger!
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King! your King! before him bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is Love and His gospel is Peace;
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease,
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful Chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise his Holy name!

Chorus

Christ is the Lord, then ever! ever praise we!
His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!
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1. People, look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are
2. Fur-rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley
4. An-gels an-ounce with shouts of mirth him who a-ble, trim the hearth and set the table.
nour-ish, that in course the flower may flour-ish.
weath-er, bright as sun and moon to-geth-er.
hum-ming with the word, the Lord is com-ing.

People, look east and sing to-day:

People, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928
Music: Traditional French carol; harm. Martin Shaw, 1928

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1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
3. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
So God imparts to human hearts the joys of highest heaven.
cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth.
No ear may hear Christ coming, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
Your voices raise to God in praise; and peace to all on earth.
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.
O come to us, abide with us, our God, Emmanuel.

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, 1868, alt.
MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

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165  Once in Royal David's City

Luke 2:7

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly
   cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby
   in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother
   mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

2. Christ came down to earth from heaven, love incarnate
   for us all, and his shelter was a stable,
   and his cradle was a stall; with the poor, the scorned, the tears
   lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like
   us he grew, he was little, weak, and helpless,
   smiles like us he knew. Thus he feels for all our lives and reigns in heaven above;
   sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re-
   deem-ing love; for that child who seemed so help-less
   on to the place where he is gone.

WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848, alt.
MUSIC: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849; harm. Arthur H. Mann, 1919

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155  Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing strains pro-long? What the glad-some tid-ings be
2. Shep-herds, why this ju-bi-lee? Why your joy-ous o'er the plains, and the moun-tains in re- ply
4. See with-in a man- ger laid, Christ, whom choirs of an-gels praise; Ma-ry, Jo-seph, lend your aid,

while our hearts in love we raise. Ah!
eh-cho-ing their joy- ous strains.
which in-spire your heav'n-ly song?
Je-sus, joy of heav'n and earth. Glo -
while our hearts in love we raise.

WORDS: Traditional French carol; tr. Crown of Jesus, 1862, alt.

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What Child Is This

1. What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him,

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading,
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

WORDS: William C. Dix, c. 1865
MUSIC: English melody (16th century)
We Come as Guests Invited

1. We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
   his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
   the bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured
   for us, in solemn token of Christ our inviting Lord.

2. We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
   and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
   with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
   we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.

3. One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine,
   our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine.
   renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
   the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1975
MUSIC: Johann Steurlein, 1573

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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,
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.

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 heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

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.