

SANCTUS (unison) *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

We give you thanks that on the night before he died, the Lord took bread in his hands; and, after giving thanks to you, he broke it, saying: This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Every time you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christ Jesus, born among us, as a mother feeds her child with her body, so you feed us with yours, giving us the bread to eat and the cup to drink. May these gifts of grace nourish us deeply, that we may become your body in the world and live as instruments of your great love. ***Amen***

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(please light the candle of the person sitting next to you by turning the receiving candle to the flame to receive the light).

CAROL ***“Silent Night”***

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ***“Joy to the World”*** - Mason



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHRISTMAS CHIMES

PRELUDE "O Holy Night" - Robertson & Winkler - Lisa Heinemeier, violin

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE - The Pike Family

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "Advent Song" (verse 5) – Walker
*Light the Christmas candles, now: sing of donkey, sheep, and cow;
birthday candles for the King, let the allelulias ring.
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

The grace of God has come to us;

Jesus Christ brings salvation to all.

Light shines on those who live in darkness,
for a child is born to us this night

CAROL "The First Nowell" #147

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Great God, as you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives this night. Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence, that we may clearly see the way, the truth, and the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A PROPHECY Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL "Away in a Manger" #115

A SAVIOR IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM Luke 2:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC "Carol of the Tiny Child" - Besig & Price - Faith Choir

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS Luke 2:8-20

CAROL "Angels We Have Heard on High" #113

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Silent Night, Holy Night" - Gruber & Mohr

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD John 1:1-15

CAROL "O Come All Ye Faithful" #133

MEDITATION "Light to All"

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

A child is born for us in Bethlehem, wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger; and he will be our Shepherd, feeding his flock in the strength of the Lord

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. O holy God, in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, dwelling with you all through eternity, to become flesh and dwell among us. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choir and the faithful of all time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.