

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2015 ♦ 10:30 p.m. Worship

GATHERING

Choral Prelude (insert)

Welcome

*Hymn #234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Call to Worship

Leader: Good news, you who are weary and heavy burdened!
Sing for great joy, you who are tired and shackled with pain!
For the Lord, our Redeemer, has come!

(Light the Christ Candle)

We light the Christ candle as a sign to the world that today, in the City of David, a Savior is born, who is Christ the Lord. We no longer have to fear the darkness for our Light has come. That light that enlightens all people has broken into our world. And the world will never be the same again.

All: Alleluia! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 9:2-7

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Psalter Psalm 96

Hymnal, page 815

*Gloria: *Mass of Light*

Epistle Reading – Titus 2:11-14

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn #246

Joy to the World

*Gospel Reading – Luke 2:1-20

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon – “Some Lady Holding a Baby”

Pastor Alan

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith #881 – Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:

Leader: Lord in your mercy
People: Hear our Prayer.

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Offering & Offertory

*Doxology (UMH #95)

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

*The Great Thanksgiving (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

*The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

SENDING FORTH

*Candle Lighting

*Hymn #239

Silent Night

*Benediction

*Postlude

**For those who are able, please stand*

All year-end offerings need to be received to the church by Sunday, December 27th, either in Sunday's offering or the church office in order to appear on your giving statement.

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Candlelight
SERVICE

10:30 p.m.