



# The Worship of The Lord

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2025

**Prelude** Clyde Patterson and Karen Sawyer  
*Jesus Born on Christmas Day* arr. Phillip

**Greeting** Dr. Clay Warf

**Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Opening Carol** (87) *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

**Call to Worship & Candle Lighting:** Ed & Jackie Harris

Tonight we light the Christ candle to celebrate and rejoice that the light of the world is born this night...  
~*Lighting the Christ Candle*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined. You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. And the government shall be upon his shoulder. He is called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

**Glory be to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all people of good will. Alleluia!**

**Worship Through Music** Tim Surles and Blaine Pittman  
*Ave Maria* Bach/Gounod

## SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

*First and Last Stanzas only of Carols*

**The First Lesson:** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Pam Bass  
The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

The Carol (77) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

**The Second Lesson:** Micah 5:2-4 Anthony Engrassia  
The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem

The Carol (86) *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

**The Third Lesson:** Luke 1:26-35, 38 Kathyryn Engrassia  
The angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary

The Carol (94) *Angels from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

**The Fourth Lesson:** Luke 2:1-7 Jack Sieber  
St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

The Carol (103) *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

**The Fifth Lesson:** Luke 2:8-16 Linda Cooper  
The shepherds go to the manger

The Carol (88) *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

**The Sixth Lesson:** John 1:1-14 Tim Surles  
St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

The Carol (85) *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

**Worship Through Music** Susan Frazier and Blaine Pittman  
*Worship Christ, the Newborn King* Lloyd Larson

**Invitation to the Table**  
(To receive Communion, you will come by pews down the center aisle and take both the bread and the cup before moving to the outside aisle to return to your seat. As you return by way of the outside aisle, there will be a receptacle where you will place your cup, as well as a basket from which you will take a candle for the candle lighting at the end of the service. There will be ushers to serve anyone who is unable to come to the Lord’s table.)

~ *Lighting of the congregational candles* ~

**\*Carol:** *Silent Night* STILLE NACHT

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 Saviour, is born, Christ, the Saviour, 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.

**Sending Forth** Dr. Warf  
Christ the Savior is born. Go and spread the good news everywhere.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Clyde Patterson  
*Joy to the World* arr. Fred Bock

*\*Congregation stands, who are able*  
All scripture readings are from *The Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version.*

## The Ministry of Worship

Dr. Clay Warf, Transitional Pastor  
Blaine Pittman, Director of Music & Education  
Clyde Patterson, Organist  
Karen Sawyer, Pianist

