

*Tradition* 1. a time-honored practice  
2. the passing down of elements of a culture  
from generation to generation



**Dec. 24, 2025**

## 7:30 PM TRINITY Handbell Recital

"A Christmas Carillon"	arr. Tucker
"Ring with the Angels"	arr. Austin
"Sing We Now of Christmas"	arr. Page
"The Friendly Beasts"	arr. Duncan
"Lullaby for a Tranquil Night"	Krug
"Peace Be with You"	Buckwalter

## 8 PM Worship

### PREPARING OUR HEARTS

#### PROCESSIONAL CAROL

"O Come All Ye Faithful" (verses 1,2,3, and 6)

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#### WELCOME

#### PRAYER/SILENT PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

**Leader:** We have waited for a long time for Your hope, Your joy, Your love to shine in the darkness of this world, Almighty God. Even now, in our gathering here, we await You. In our hearts, we still hope that Your light will blaze forth, banishing the shadows of this World and guiding all the people back to You.

**People:** **Yet You did not come into this world in a show of power and glory. You did not shine forth for all of creation to behold. A tiny spark, a newborn baby, visible to parents and curious animals. A host of angels, away from the populated areas, singing to a group of shepherds. A sparkling star, guiding foreigners to see what neighbors could not.**

**Leader:** Open our hearts, merciful God, to the sparks of Your presence still in this world. Open our eyes, that we might behold Your presence in the least likely of places, and among the least likely of people.

**People:** **God with us, kindle Your spark within us, that together we may shine forth Your light, we might banish the shadows of this world, we might be the continuation of the Christmas miracle: Emmanuel is in this world, God is with us, now and evermore.**

GREETING

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In Bethlehem"  
Sanctuary Choir

Forrest

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

CAROL

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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MESSAGE

"The Warmth of Christmas"

Pastor Rob

PASTORAL PRAYER

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

CAROLS

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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GIVING TO GOD *In love, God gives us more than enough, and we spread God's love by generously sharing what we have received.*

OFFERTORY

"Away in a Manger"

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\*RESPONSE

"The First Noel" (verse 1)

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CANDLE LIGHTING

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

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**TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING CAROL

"Joy to the World"

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\*POSTLUDE

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Wagner



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