

Prelude *Carols of the Season*

The Welcome and Greeting

*The Call to Worship *O Come All Ye Faithful*
**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!**

Refrain: **O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
 Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

**Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
 Glory to God, all Glory in the highest![Refrain]**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – the Christ Candle

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

We light this candle of hope - the hope of our Savior, Jesus.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

We light this candle of peace – the peace that Jesus, our Savior, brings to the world.

**He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

We light this candle of joy – the joy that we have in Jesus, our Savior.

His coming is good news of great joy for all the people.

We light this candle of love – the love of God that came to us in Jesus, our Savior.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.

We light the Christ Candle.

Whoever believes in Jesus Christ will not perish but will have eternal life.

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

Thanks be to God!

The Anthem *Coventry Carol* Larson
 JuBELLation Choir

The Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Christmas Eve Offering

The Offertory *Angels We Have Heard on High* Ore

*The Response *Angels, from the Realms of Glory, verse 4*
**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
 Ever more your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
 Come and worship, come and worship,
 Worship Christ, the newborn King!**

*The Prayer of Dedication

The Meditation & Time with the Children

Service of Lessons and Carols

The Carol *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* French Carol
 soloist, Peggy Knutson

The Prophecy Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The Carol *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art
 Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.**

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**Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

The Angel Appears to Mary

Luke 1:26-38

The Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time, behold Him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.**

**Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die.
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.[Refrain]**

Joseph and Mary Travel to Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-5

The Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.**



CHRISTMAS EVE

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**How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters
in.**

The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:6-7

The Carol *Sweet Was the Song the Virgin Sang* Johnson
Peggy Knutson, Deanna Patton, and Laurel Taipale

The Angels Appear to the Shepherds Luke 2:8-12

The Carol *The First Noel*

**The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

**Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]**

The Heavenly Host Appears Luke 2:13-14

The Carol *Gloria! Sing Gloria!* Larson
Chancel Choir

The Shepherds Go to the Manger Luke 2:15-20

The Carol *A Carol Tapestry* Lightfoot
Peggy Knutson and Deanna Patton

The Wise Men Worship Jesus Matthew 2:1-2, 9b-11

The Carol *What Child Is This*
**What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

**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!**

**So, bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.[Refrain]**

The Lighting of the Candles

Candle lighters will light the candle of the first person in each pew. Tip the unlit candle into the flame. Each person will light their candle from a candle next to them.

The Carols *Away in a Manger*
**Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

Silent 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.**

*The Benediction

*The Postlude *Still, Still, Still* Manz

Liturgist and Advent Wreath Lighters: Adam & Samantha Engel

Greeters: Ernie & Natalie Martinez

Ushers:

Musical Talents: Laurel Taipale and the above-mentioned individuals and groups.

For The Hearing Impaired

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Please Join us Sunday morning's at 9:00 a.m. as we worship God together. Sunday School will resume January 7.

The church office will be open Tuesday, December 26 – Thursday, December 28 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.

***The office will be closed on Monday , December 25.**



Poinsettias



In Honor of

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Rev. Ruth Estell
Tom & Carol Poole

In Memory of

Rev. Ken Anderson
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