

**Christmas Eve**  
*A Service Mindful of Children*  
December 24, 2018  
Three O'clock

Greeting in the Name of Christ

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

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Voluntary

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Charles Callahan

*The crèche is brought forward during the voluntary.*

\* Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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*Please stand to sing when indicated.*

**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 fleshing appearing.** *Refrain*

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God, all glory in the highest.** *Refrain*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Baxter and Christi James Family

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

**We light this candle as a sign of the light of Christ.**

*As we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Silent Night tonight, we all sing:*

**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, 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.**

Prayer

Anthem

“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”

West Indian Carol

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.**

**God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

The Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-20 (selected)

Message

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jeff Cook

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Jeff Cook

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

The Peace

Rev. Jeff Cook

Offering

“What Child Is This”

Paul Manz

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal, pages 13 (*Communion response are spoken.*)

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

*Because our table is open to all, we serve gluten-free communion bread.*

*Communion offering will be used for the Pastors’ Discretionary Fund.*

*Please take a candle from the basket as you return to your seat.*

Prayer after Communion

Lighting of the Candles

*When lighting your candle, please tilt the unlighted candle toward the flame  
of the lighted candle as if bowing before the Light of Christ.*

*Please remain seated and sing:*

*Joy to the World*

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven an nature sing.**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

*Away in a Manger*

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

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all-gracious King”:  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

*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 the dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

*Please stand to sing.*

**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 Savior is born, Christ the Savior 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.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

\* Benediction

\* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold** type.*

*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor*

*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor*

*Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist*

Our congregation encourages and values the worship leadership our children and youth provide. In addition to the leadership of the Wesley Choir and youth music assistants, we thank the following youth and children for their worship leadership for this afternoon’s service: Austin Carter, Henry Carter, Jack Carter, Caroline Dent, Katherine Dent, Wes Flournoy, Stebin Horne, Ella Magda, Campbell McIntyre, Stella McIntyre, Avery Morris, Alice Rauls, and Laura Wilson.