



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 24, 2018 | 11:00 pm

We Gather to Adore the Christ Child

Prelude | Of the Father's Love Begotten *setting by Wilbur Held*

Welcome

Reading | John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles | Jason, Rebecca, Nathan, and Anna Schuchert

Unison Prayer

God, our hearts sing with joy and praise because of Jesus. At this happy season, we rejoice that Jesus came among us. By his birth and life he has shown us that we are your people and that we are greatly loved. Help us to remember Christmas all year long by giving to others the gifts of life: hope, peace, joy, love, kindness, and understanding. Amen.

***Carol** | Good Christian Friends, Rejoice *red hymnal, #98*

Confession + Forgiveness

***Call to Confession**

When Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, he became like us in all things but sin. May we who have been reborn in him be free from our sinful ways. Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence for personal confession

Hymns + Songs | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you sent the angel chorus to humble shepherds to announce the good news of the child Jesus. We confess that we have not followed their example in rushing to greet the newborn king. We have turned a deaf ear to the announcement of a Savior born to a waiting world. We have failed to praise your Son's birth and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us fine desires, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

God has caused light to shine in our hearts,
the light that is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
Hallelujah! Amen.

*The Peace | time of greeting

As God has given us peace in Christ, let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

The Word of the Lord

Reading | Isaiah 9:2-9 *Bible*, pg. 555

Carol | Imagine *red hymnal*, #72

Reading | Titus 2:11-14 *Bible*, pg. 969

Carol | Once in Royal David's City *red hymnal*, #87

Reading | Luke 2:1-7 *Bible*, pg. 832

Carol | In the Bleak Midwinter *by* Gustav Holst

Reading | Luke 2:8-20 *Bible*, pg. 833

Carol | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *red hymnal*, #80

Meditation | Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Responding to God's Word

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offering | What Child Is This *setting by* Steven Sharp Nelson, Jon Schmidt,
and Al Van Der Beek

Prayer of Dedication



SAPC Give Now

The Word Made Flesh—The Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving + Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Distribution of Elements | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

setting by Stephen Sharp Nelson, Jon Schmidt,
and Al Van Der Beek

Candle Lighting

Candle lighters will receive light from the Christ Candle, symbolic of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, and begin to send the light around the congregation.

Carol | Silent Night, Holy Night *red hymnal, #85*

Please raise your candles on the final stanza.

We Go Out to Serve the Lord

Benediction

You may extinguish your candles.

Postlude | In Dulci Jubilo (In Sweet Rejoicing) *setting by* J.S. Bach

You are invited to be seated for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!

Tonight's Worship Participants

Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastor*

Matthew Penning, *director of music*

Jonathan Swearingen, *soloist*

Claire Goodfellow, *cello*



Stewardship Update & Thank You!

During this Advent Season, we celebrate leadership; past, present and future through support of the Christmas Joy Offering. We do so because church leaders greatly impact our lives of faith, walking with us down the path to be more like Jesus. We are so grateful for the 141 families or individuals committing to ministry at St. Andrew with our annual stewardship campaign. Thank you for your servant leadership in Johnson County and beyond. God bless you and those whom you love.

Poinsettias have been generously given by...

Mark + MaryJo Abbott

John + Patricia Benson + Family, *in memory of*
Frank + Alice Benson and Carroll + Helen
Dimmick

Allison + Kyle Bernard

Gary + Linda Currie, *in memory of* Mr. + Mrs.
James Currie; Julie Currie, Mae Bersee

Graham + Maggie Dameron

Mary Etre, *in honor of* our many blessings

John + Myrna Farraj, *in honor of* our family

Dan + Deb Fick

Gen Freeseaman, *in memory of* Lee Freeseaman

Sally Hartwig

The Hausler Family, *in honor of* our St. Andrew
family

Paul + Margaret Heidger, *in thankfulness for*
God's blessings

Don Heineking

Gordon Hinz, *in memory of* Marie Hinz

Jean Koch, *in memory of* Don + Nathan Koch

Ron + Renee Kramer

Mary Mixdorf, *in memory of* Gordon Mixdorf

Bryce + Rosemary Plapp

Mary Beth Ross, *in memory of* Jessie Ross

Jayne Sandberg, *in memory of* Eric Sandberg

Rich + Mary Schmidt, *in memory of* Timothy
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and the 7 grandchildren for the help they
have given us this year with Karla, Opa, +
Gram

Amy Schmidt Rundell, *in honor of* Rich + Mary
Schmidt

Sue Swearingen

Maggie Wagenknecht, *in memory of* Sheri
Fletcher

Skip + Pat Wells, *in memory of* our parents

Bob + Kathy Whiteside, *in memory of* Alpha
Braund, Jean Ellertson, + Alexandria Gaston

Marilyn Woodin, *in memory of* the Rev. John
Woodin

The Woodin Family, *in memory of* the Rev.
John Woodin

Rich, Deb, + Lauren Wretman

