

The Lighting of the Candles

The pastors will receive light from the Christ candle, will light the candles of the mid-grade and high school youth, who will proceed to light the candles of the persons sitting at the end of each aisle. Please pass the light to the person sitting next to you.

Song of Reflection

“O Holy Night”

Song of Illumination

“Silent Night”

#164

v. 1 & 2 with accompaniment

v. 3 a cappella

Please extinguish your candle at the conclusion of “Silent Night.”

*Benediction

*Sending Song

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

#151

v. 1, 2, & 3

*Postlude

**Indicates the congregation may stand if you wish*

Participating in worship:

The Congregation

Pam De Haan

Sanctuary Choir

Philip De Koster, Director

Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman

Lesley Tjaden, Shane Schwarz, Jill Haarsma,

Joel Punt, and Denise Sneller

Annalise Elliott, Kyan Bahrenfuss, Micky Tinklenberg,

and Kit Fynaardt

Angela Kroeze Visser, Soloist

Middle School & High School Students

Serving the Lord in Worship

Organist & Accompanist

Choral Call to Worship and Song of Assurance

Leading in Worship

Advent and Christ Candle Lighters

Scripture Readers

Song of Reflection

Congregational Candle Lighters



“For the grace of God has appeared..”

Titus 2:11a (NRSV)

December 24, 2018
Christmas Eve Worship
5:00 PM



The Approach to God

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

"God's Love Made Visible"

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 98; John 1:1-14

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

People: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Leader: For God's Word became flesh and lived among us.

People: **And we have seen his glory,
the glory of God's only son,
full of grace and truth.**

*Song of Worship

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

#174

w. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from *Call to Worship*, vol. 46.1

Lord Jesus Christ,
you alone are the Word of life.
You showed us the way,
but we did not follow you.
You taught us the truth,
but we did not believe you.
You called us your own,
but we did not accept you.
You gave us yourself,
but we did not receive you.
Forgive us, we pray.

(Brief period of silence for personal prayers of confession)

Living, Forgiving, and Renewing One:
**grant us a new beginning with you,
full of grace and truth. Amen.**

Song of Assurance

"All Is Well"

Christmas Prayer Based on the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace—hallowed be your name. Christ our Lord, you descended to earth, to a lowly manger to bring all nations under your rule and to draw us into your holy and perfect presence. We bow at your manger in awe of your might. Immanuel, God with us—hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Prince of Peace, make your kingdom complete. May we prepare a way for your kingdom wherever there is violence and hatred, wherever there is oppression and injustice, wherever there is quarreling and alienation.

May we prepare a way for your kingdom of peace, a kingdom where the wolf will live with the lamb and the leopard will lie down with the kid. In us, through us, and around us, your kingdom come.

Give us today our daily bread.

Bread of life, feed us with your truth. In a season of greed and selfish desires may we see that we are sustained only by your providence. May our eagerness to open our gifts pale in comparison to our joy to receive the gift of the Savior. May our discontent disappear as we approach the day of your coming.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We need a Savior to come to us. For our worry and our scurrying this season, forgive us. For the way we make this a season of shopping rather than waiting, forgive us. For the security and comfort we seek from sources other than you, forgive us. For our indifference to the wonder of your coming, forgive us. Come to us, Savior of the world.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

Protect us from the constant dangers and enticing temptations we face each day. Deliver us from the oppressive evils of apathy, addiction, and abuse. Strengthen your church when it faces persecution for announcing the coming of your kingdom. Comfort all who are suffering in their hearts or in their bodies; give them health and peace to sing of your presence.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Word who became flesh and lived among us, we have seen your glory, full of grace and truth. You come to us now, and you will come to us again in glory, when we will join all of heaven and earth in giving you blessing and honor and glory and might forever! Until that glorious day, we praise you for becoming one of us, and we long for your glory to be fully revealed.

Amen!

Christmas Doxology

Sung to the tune "Greensleeves" (What Child Is This?)

E Minor: Em D G D B⁷ Em Am/C



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

B Em D G D B⁷



here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

Em Am B Em Bm G



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. This, this is

D B⁷ Em Am/C B



Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

Bm G D B⁷ Em Am B Em (or E Major)



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: 16th Century English Melody

GREENSLEEVES
87.87 with Refrain

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