Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021

Candlelight Service

7:10 pm

Carillon O Come, All Ye Faithful

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Special Music

> Go, Tell It on the Mountain O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

For Unto Us

Emily Hayes I Wonder As I Wander Becky Sopher

> John Elmer Emily Hayes

Becky Sopher

Welcome and Call to Worship

The Lighting of the Advent Candles Ron & Mary Lou Phipps

The Christ Candle

Leader: "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength,"

People: "they will soar on wings of eagles." Leader: We relight the candle of hope.

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

People: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Leader: We relight the candle of love.

Leader: "Peace I leave you; my peace I give you."

People: "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Leader: We relight the candle of peace.

Leader: "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;" People: "Shout for joy before the Lord, the King."

Leader: We relight the candle of joy.

Leader: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light."

People: "The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not

overcome it."

Leader: Please stand:

Tonight, before thousands of angels in joyful assembly, and a great

cloud of witnesses, we light the Christ candle.

*Congregational Acclamation (In Unison – while candle is lit): "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

*Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)

O Holy Spirit, who came unto Mary and caused the eternal Son of God to become incarnate within her, come unto us this night and engender

saving faith within us. For then we shall rejoice in his coming and his birth. We shall offer him our lives and look for his coming again. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Once in Royal David's City *Carol (286)

Scripture Lesson Genesis 3:8-19

Prayer

Special Music

What Child Is This Emily Hayes John Elmer Just One Becky Sopher Gesu Bambino

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Special Music

Angels We Have Heard On High Emily Hayes Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming Carolyn McCandless

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38

*Carol (277) Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Special Music

Little Drummer Boy Emily Hayes

Scripture Lesson John 1: 14-18

Grace Upon Grace Reverend Dr. Jeff Jones Meditation

Special Music

Mary, Did You Know **Emily Hayes**

Becky Sopher

The Candle Lighting Ceremony Reverend Dr. Jeff Jones

> Pastor: I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

People: Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

(Silent Night will be played on the Harp while the Elders light their candles from the Christ candle and pass the light to the congregation. Once all candles are lit the congregation will then sing 3 verses of Silent Night. After the benediction, all candles will be blown out. Please keep all lit candles upright.)

Carol (253)

Silent Night! Holy Night!

<u>First verse:</u> Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round you virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

<u>Second verse</u>: 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!

<u>*Third verse:</u> 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

Reverend Dr. Jeff Jones

*Carillon

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

*Please Stand

Thank you for coming to join in the celebration of the birth of our newborn King, Jesus Christ, Savior, and Lord.

Thank you to all who prepared for and took part in tonight's service of worship and celebration. We especially thank Emily Hayes for joining us with her harp. Thank you to Harriet Grossman for the photo on the front of the bulletin.

Thank you for placing poinsettias in memory and honor of the special people in your lives. A special thank you to Jackie Williams and Linda Stirling for arranging them so beautifully. Poinsettia(s) may be taken after the service. A clipboard is on the front pew behind the piano with a listing of names; please cross off your name so we know you've received your poinsettia(s). Thank you!

Have a joyous Christmas and a blessed new year!



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The Christmas Poinsettias at the front of the sanctuary were placed in honor or memory of the special people in the lives of the members of Harmony.

In Honor Of:

Our Harmony Family

by John & Marge Elmer

Becky & Dennis Sopher

by Doris Sopher

Our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren

by Bob & Carol Burnett

Pam Miller, Teena Mershimer

by Harriet Grossman

Joyce Slayton

by Jeff, Pam, & Christiana Jones

In Memory Of:

Shawn Cieloszyic, Darline Mesner, Thomas Bobbert, Brenda Bobbert, and Daniel Compton

by Becky Compton

My dear Husband Dale Sopher

by Doris Sopher

Don Burnett, Kathy Burnett Baker, Bob Burnett

by Jan Burnett

Our parents, our nephew Eric, our granddaughter Tiffany

by Bob & Carol Burnett

My Sisters: Betty Ann Herold, Eleanor Pearl Thompson

by Erma McKnight

Earl & Helen Wigton, Wayne & Martha Grossman

by Harriet Grossman

Duane & Carol Jones, Billy Slayton

by Jeff, Pam, & Christiana Jones