

# Service for the Lord's Day

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2015

Tonight the angels sing on earth, Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Holy Sovereign, from the tabernacle of heaven to the poverty of a stable,  
your radiant light shines forth in a tiny boy wrapped in rags. Such humble love astounds us.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

**"What is this Lovely Fragrance?"**  
**"Pastorale" from Sonata 1**  
**"Whiter than Snow"**

Trad. French Carol  
Guilmant  
arr. Phillips

*(Piano/Organ Duet: Sally Hosea, piano)*

WELCOME

Jimmy Chapman

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Building Commission

Now let us pray together:

*Lord, you come as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are Emmanuel. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the Light of the World and that when we follow you, we never walk in darkness, but we have the true light of life. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.*

\*INTROIT #119

**"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (v.1&2)**

Wesley, 1739

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God who is greater than we will ever understand,  
*chose to humble himself to become one of us.*

The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,  
*gives us more grace than we ever realize.*

The God who is wiser than we will ever know,  
*teaches us all we need to become the people of God.*

Let us worship this most extraordinary God.

*Unto us is born this night a Savior, who is the Christ!*

\*HYMN #133

**"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

Wade, 1743

CALL TO CONFESSION

God became one of us, so that we could see the face of love, hear the voice of peace, be touched by the hand of grace, and know the heart of mercy. God comes to us, offering us mercy and peace. Let us confess to the One who comes, so that our lives might be made new. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***You came in weakness, gentleness, and humility, Mighty God. Forgive us for wanting more than others have. Forgive us when we do not see members of your family sleeping in the streets. Forgive us for the anger we speak and the pain we cause. Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today: forgive us, heal us, make us new. Then we will join the angels in singing your praises this Christmas Eve, and all the days still before us. Amen.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The angel said, "You shall call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." Break forth in song, children of God: for the Babe comes to save us!  
***Joy to the Word, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill to all. Amen!***

\*GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

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ANTHEM

***"Grant Us Peace"***  
*Chancel Choir*

Joel Raney

## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 97: 1-6, 9  
The Word of the Lord  
Bibles, p.521/LG. p.677  
***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #115

***"Away in a Manger"***

Murray, 1887

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20  
The Word of God, for the People of God  
Bibles, p.54/ LG. p.71  
***Thanks be to God***

SERMON                                    *“No Place in the Inn”*                                    Rev. Candice L. Klein  
\*HYMN #145                                    *“What Child Is This”*                                    Dix, 1871

*Responding*

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY                                    *“Angel’s Song”*                                    Healey Willan

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Sending*

\*HYMN #122                                    *“Silent Night”*                                    Gruber, 1818

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                                    *“Joy to the World”*                                    Watts, 1719

(\* Those who are able may stand.

*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Jane & Tolly Dill, Diane Dill, Michael Dill, Jack Gray, Cindy Ratliff, Debbie Murphy, Jack Clark and family

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sun. 12/27	Christmas Carol Sing!
Mon. 12/28	Pipeline Deadline
Thur. 12/31	Noon is the Deadline for Final 2015 Gifts
Fri. 01/01	Church Offices Closed

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