



Light

Welcome to Worship on this Christmas Eve December 24, 2024

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Savannah Demuynck

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

Bill Ford, Flute & Wendy Ford, Clarinet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Keith & Mary Ann Wright

A or B: So tonight we light the Christ candle, for God's love just could not stay away.

People: **It is good to be home. Thanks be to God. Amen**

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Anna Kornegay

Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and lived among us that we might become your people. Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives. Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

#140 (Purple)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-7 p. 724, 725 (pew Bible)

*HYMN Away in A Manger #114 (Purple)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-14 p. 725 (pew Bible)

ANTHEM God, Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Ralph, Katherine & Brittany Schroeder

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:18-20 p. 725 (pew Bible)

ANTHEM Gesu Bambino Yon and Martens
Bill Ford, Saxophone, Wendy Ford, Clarinet & MOPC Choir

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

REFRAIN: O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.
Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell,
From Paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.

REFRAIN

O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

MEDITATION "Why not call him Charlie?" Rev. Savannah Demuynck

*HYMN Angels We Have Heard on High #113 (Purple)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
The Bread and the Cup

O Holy Night

A. Adam
Bobby Boyd, soloist

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#121 (Purple)

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night
Lighting of the candles

#122 (Purple)

BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Joy to the World!

#134 (Purple)

(*Please stand as you are able.)



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If you have an offering tonight, you may place it in the offering plates at the back.

Thank you to Bill & Wendy Ford, Bobby Boyd, Ralph, Katherine & Brittany Schroeder and the Choir for sharing their talents on this night.