

# Christmas Eve

## December 24, 2022

### Music While We Gather

Welcome

Silence

Prelude *What Child is This?*

Choir Anthem *Let the Christ Child In*

*Communion*  
*Everyone is welcome at this table*

*Lighting the Christ Candle*

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 61 (selections)*

1<sup>st</sup> Carol *O Holy Night* (On screen)

Gospel Reading *Luke 2:1-7*  
*Away in a Manger* (NCH 124)

Gospel Reading *Luke 2:8-14*

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol *Angels We Have Heard On High* (NCH 125)

Gospel Reading *Luke 2:15-20*

*The Christmas Surprise Choir*

Christmas Offering *Small Kindnesses* Danusha Laméris

*"...Here, have my seat; Go ahead – you first; I like your hat."*

### Offertory

\* Response *"Gloria" from Carol #125*

*Gloria! in excelsis Deo!*

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\* Prayer: *Holy God, our gifts are so small beside the Gift we receive this night. Use all that we bring and all that we are to share the blessing of Christmas with the world you love pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

\* 3<sup>rd</sup> Carol *Jesus, the Light of the World* (On screen)

Christmas Meditation *The Gift You Weren't Expecting*

4<sup>th</sup> Carol *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* (NCH 129)

Gospel Reading *Genesis 1:1-3; John 1:1-5, 14*  
*The Beginning, and the Beginning Again*

\* 5<sup>th</sup> Carol *Silent Night* (NCH 134)

(As the light from the Christ candle spreads through the sanctuary, be careful to hold the lighted candles upright)

\* Benediction

Our candles burn for only a little while; but Jesus, the light of the world, shines eternal. We live in the light of the one born this night to repair the world and redeem all people. So go in peace. Walk in that light. Take pleasure in God's surprising grace. Love your neighbors. Love the Creation. Return to your homes in wonder and joy, changed tonight by the gift of Christmas. Amen.

Postlude

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\* Indicates those who are able should stand