

## December 24, 2021 – Christmas Eve

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

First Choir – “Only a Baby Came”

Opening Hymn “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” (Follow the words on the video screen)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. The grace of God has come to save us.

**Congregation: For our sakes, God sent the child of Bethlehem. For our salvation, Jesus came to live among us.**

Liturgist: Let all people sing for joy and give thanks. Tell the world what God has done in our midst.

**Congregation: God has called and chosen us to hear good news. God’s marvelous works are new every morning.**

Liturgist: Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth to all who please God.

**Congregation: We seek to honor God in this time of worship. We want to see for ourselves what God has done.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn “Joy to the World” (video screen)

Confession of Sin

**God of the commonplace, we confess that we have been impressed by power and authority. We do not expect to meet you in the poor of the land, in cold barns, or on lonely duty watches. We are slow to hear the angels or to embrace the “good news of great joy.” We hesitate to leave our chosen tasks to share in your larger purposes. We settle for idols of material security even as you thrust us into the battles of life, where we have nothing on which to rely other than our faith in you. Forgive our lack of trust. Renew us in the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 9:2-7

Special Music – First Choir – “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Children’s Sermon

Epistle Lesson – Titus 2:11-14

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory – "Away in the Manger"

First Choir – "Sing Nowell" Lyrics in the song include "Eia, Susanni". Eia is Latin for "Joy" and Susanni translates to an old German word for lullaby, meaning "to whisper" or "to murmur."

Gospel Lesson – Luke 2:1-20

Sermon

Communion

Lighting of the Individual Candles – (Instrumental) Candle Lighting Music

Hymn "Silent Night" (Intro, 1<sup>st</sup> Verse German, 1<sup>st</sup> verse in English) (follow the video screen)

Benediction

Postlude

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

"Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

"Shepherds Filled With Joy"