

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT

December 24, 2018 11:00 P.M.

Prelude "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Keesecker Rose Hartig
"Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head" arr. Ham
"The First Noel" arr. Larson

Welcome Rev. Purnell

Call to Worship

Leader: Come away, come away, come tonight to Bethlehem

People: Come adore on bended knee, one whose birth the angels sing.

Leader: Come away, come away, from your noisy celebrations, to a place of quietness and peace.

People: Come with wonder, come with awe. Take your place among sheep and cattle.

Leader: Sing with joy, praise God, for the time of promise has come. Sing the good news of Emmanuel.

All: Jesus Christ is born! Glory to God in the highest!

Opening Prayer

Holy Child,

we come to your manger on this Christmas Eve,

filled with wonder and awe

for your presence among us.

As you came to us then, come to us now.

Enter our hearts and our worship,

that we might recognize the shining light

of your love and grace.

May our lives reflect your light and love,

that others may see you in us,

tonight and all nights. Amen.

*Hymn No. 234

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Cathy Early, Gloria Millay

"All is Well"

Wayne Jones

* The Friendly Beasts 227 v. 1 All, v. 2 Men, v.3 Women, v.4 All

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6 & 7

Hymn No. 218 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:1-20

Hymn No. 240 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Christmas Message

*Candle Light Service Carol # 239 "Silent Night"
