

Christmas Eve Worship 12.24.20

Prelude

Christmas Proclamation

Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

Call to Worship

One: God of grace and glory, you love us so much that you came to us as a baby.

All: Born in a stable because there was no room at the inn.

One: Loving God, you call us to love the world as we have been loved by you.

All: Wrapped in swaddling clothes, you slept in a manger because there was no crib.

One: God of Peace, you call us to be a church where everyone is welcomed and loved.

All: No one was turned away from the stable.

One: Gracious God, you keep calling to us to be a place of real hospitality.

All: Lambs and cows, chickens and donkeys, men, women, children ... angels of all kinds surround you.

One: Merciful God, help us create a world where all your children are safe and loved.

All: One star brighter than all the rest, leading the world to your door.

One: God of Promise, may our love and work in the world be a beacon of hope to the hopeless, a ministry of welcome to every person. May our church be a warm stable for all who have been hurt or left out.

All: For to us is born this night a savior, who is Christ the Lord! Amen

Opening Prayer (unison)

Lord God, because we could not come to you, you came to us. Because we could not find our way home, you made your home with us. The day of our joy is full. Our hope is fulfilled. Our yearning is met in your great love, for the Word has become flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Be with us through this night in which all the world's darkness becomes light. May our gift to you this Christmas be hearts of gratitude for all that you have done for us, and lives of service in Christ's name. Amen

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Bell Anthem	<i>Still, Still, Still</i>
Christmas Eve Candle Lighting	
Carol	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i>
Words from the Prophet	
Bell Anthem	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>
Gospel Reading	Luke 2:1-7
Carol	<i>Away in the Manger</i>
Gospel Reading	Luke 2:8-14
Bell Anthem	<i>What Child Is This?</i>
Gospel Reading	Luke 2:15-20
Carol	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>
Message	Pondering the Nativity
Carol	<i>Were You There on that Christmas Night</i>
Christmas Prayers	
Offering	
Passing the Light	
Carol	<i>Silent Night</i>
Sharing the Light	
Carol	<i>Joy to the World</i>
Benediction	
Carol	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>
Postlude	