# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

## December 25, 2023

**WELCOME** (*Please Stand*)

**OPENING  HYMN** *"Joy to the World"*...............................LSB #387

*(Please by seated)*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**INSTRUMENTAL** "*O Come, O Come, Emanuel*".......Isaac Swanson

**SOLO** *"O Holy Night"*.......................................Sheila Marie Adams

**FIRST**

**READING**......................................................................Isaiah 9:2-7

R: This is the Word of the Lord          C: THANKS BE TO GOD

**SECOND READING.**....................................................1 John 4:7-16

 R: This is the Word of the Lord          C: THANKS BE TO GOD

*(Please Stand)*

**HYMN** "*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*..........................LSB #366

*(Please be Seated)*

**MESSAGE**....................................................Rev.Donn E. Woolweber

*(Please Stand)*

**HYMN** "*What Child is This?"*...........................................LSB #370

*(Please be Seated)*

**THIRD READING - THE CHRISTMAS STORY**....Luke 2:1-20

 R: This is the Word of the Lord          C: THANKS BE TO GOD

**OFFERING** "*O Little Town of Bethlehem*".......................LSB #361

*(Please Stand)*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Please be Seated)*

**FOURTH READING** – "CHRISTmas  Bells" .............by Longfellow

**HYMN** "*Go Tell it on the Mountain*"......................................LSB #388

 *(Please Stand)*

**INDIVIDUAL CANDLES ARE LIGHTED**
**\*\***Please allow the ushers to light the candle of the person nearest isle, the person with the unlit candle should tilt their candle towards their neighbors lit candle to avoid spilling wax.

**CLOSING HYMN** *"Silent Night"*

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

## *Depart in Peace*

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