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Church

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December 24, 2023 - 11:00 pm
"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

Welcome

Prelude   O Holy Night

*Call to Worship
Leader: Let the heavens celebrate!
All: Let the earth rejoice!
Leader: Let the seas roar with praise!
All: Let the trees clap their hands with joy!
Leader: Jesus is born! The Messiah is come!
All: Glory to God in the highest heavens and peace to all on
    earth

O Come, O Ye Faithful vs 1-4, 6 pg. 234
O Little Town of Bethlehem vs. 1,2, pg. 230

Prayer (unison): Holy One, forgive us if we come tonight longing only for a cozy story of a baby born in a stable. This baby you sent changed the world forever! Wonderful Counselor! Mighty God! Prince of Peace! May we, too, glorify you by dedicating our lives to justice and righteousness. May we faithfully follow you Son on the Way of peace. Amen.

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing pg. 240
Once In Royal David's City pg. 250 vs. 1,2

Scripture   Luke 1:26-38
                                                Luke 2:1-7

Response
<u>Leader</u>: The Word of God for the people of God
<u>All</u>: Thanks be to God!

The Christ Candle is Lighted
Light the Advent Candle vs. 5 FWS pg. 2090
Angels from the Realms of Glory vs. vs. 1,2 pg. 220

Scripture   Luke 2:8-20

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks Vs.1 and 2 Pg. 236
Angels We Have Heard On High vs 1,3. pg. 238
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly pg 229

Christmas Peace   A true story

Away in Manger pg. 217
What Child Is This vs 1,3 pg. 219
He Is Born Vs. 1, 3 pg. 228

Prayer (unison): Living God, on this Holy night open our
hearts to receive the gift of Christ. May you peace wash over
us. May hope be born anew. May our world be transformed
as all people kneel before you Son, Thy Kingdom come.
Amen.

Candle Lighting
Silent Night

*Benediction

* Please stand

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