

## Christmas Eve – Lessons and Carols 7pm

Prelude *O Holy Night* June Shuffett

\*Choral Introit *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (Howard Helvey) Chancel Choir

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath Baybas Family

Leader: Hope looked down and saw darkness.

**People: "I will go there," said Hope**

Leader: Peace looked down and saw war.

**People: "I will go there," said Peace.**

Leader: Joy looked down and saw despair.

**People: "I will go there," said Joy.**

Leader: Love looked down and saw hatred.

**People: "I will go there," said Love.**

Leader: So the Hope of the World, the Prince of Peace, the Child of Joy,  
the King of Love came down and crept in beside us.

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle

Let us pray:

Leader: O Holy God,

You come in flesh bringing salvation to all,

Your glory is made known in this newborn child,

this living, blessed hope.

Tonight, we join the choirs of angels in singing Your praise.

Gift of God, beautiful Christ-child, we welcome You!

**People: Let us come and see what God has done.**

**Come, let us adore Him.**

\*Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vs. 1-4) UMH 234

Christmas Prayers Sarah Chambers

Special Music *Who Would Think That What Was Needed*  
(Josh Bell & Graham Maule) Evelyn Lucas

### Lessons & Carols

Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (vs. 1-3) UMH 240  
First Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Kathy Henry

Carol *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (vs. 1, 2, 4) UMH 211  
Second Lesson Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6 Jordan Biscardo

Carol *It Came upon a Midnight Clear* (vs. 1, 2, 4) UMH 218

Third Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38 Kathy Henry

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vs. 1, 4) UMH 230  
Fourth Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Jordan Biscardo

Carol *Away in Manger* (vs. 1-3) UMH 217  
Fifth Lesson Luke 2:8-16 Kathy Henry

Carol *The First Noel* (vs. 1-2) UMH 245

Homily This Is A Sign Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Carol *Welcome to Our World* (vs. 1-5) See Screen

Invitation to the Table Sarah Chambers

Confession of Sin See Screen

Words of Pardon

Hear the good news of great joy for all people: a savior has been born this night for you!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

\*The Great Thanksgiving (Sung Version) UMH 17

\*The Lord's Prayer See Screen

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion See Screen

Time of Reflection Following Communion *The Oxen* (Ralph Vaughan Williams) Kevin Lackie

\*Gospel Reading John 1:1-5; 14 Dan Dickinson

\*Hymn with Spreading of the Light *Silent Night, Holy Night* See Screen

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Postlude *Joy to the World* (All verses) See Screen

Postlude *Ding Dong Merrily on High* June Shuffett