**Christmas Eve Service ~ December 24, 2022**

**Prelude ~ *“Hope of Israel” ~ Worship Team***

**Welcome ~** **Pastor Rebecca Sommons**

**Advent Candle Lighting ~ Annie and Jae**

**Song ~ *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* (led by the Worship Team)**

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant*

*O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem*

*Come and behold him, for the King of angels*

***Refrain***

***O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him,***

***O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!***

*Sing choirs of angels, sing in exaltation*

*Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!*

*Glory to God, all glory in the highest* ***(Refrain)***

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation*

*Jesus, to thee be all glory given*

*Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing* ***(Refrain)***

*We’ll praise his name forever! We’ll praise his name forever!*

*We’ll praise his name forever, Christ the Lord! [Repeat]*

**First Reading ~ Luke 1:39-45 Craig Keith**

**Song ~ *“There’s a Song in the Air”* #159 in the blue hymnal**

*There’s a song in the air! There’s a star in the sky!*

*There’s a mother’s deep prayer and a baby’s low cry!*

*And the star rains its fire while the angel choirs sing*

*For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!*

*There’s a tumult of joy o’er the wonderful birth*

*For the Virgin’s sweet boy is the Lord of the earth*

*See, the star rains its fire while the angel choirs sing*

*For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!*

*We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song*

*That comes down through the night from the heavenly throng*

*And we welcome the glorious gospel they bring*

*And we greet in the cradle our savior and king*

**Second Reading ~ Luke 1:46-56 Michaelanne Sylvester**

**Song ~ *“I Wonder as I Wander”* (#161, blue)**

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky*

*How Jesus the Savior did come for to die*

*For poor ordinary people like you and like I*

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, ‘twas in a cow’s stall*

*With wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all*

*But high from God’s heaven a star’s light did fall*

*The promise of ages it then did recall*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing*

*A star in the sky or a bird on the wing*

*Or all of God’s angels in heaven for to sing*

*He surely could have it, ‘cause he was the King*

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky*

*How Jesus the Savior did come for to die*

*For poor ordinary people like you and like I*

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky*

**Third Reading ~ Luke 2:1-5** **Jim Comar**

**Song ~ *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* (#144 , blue, verses 1-3)**

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight*

*For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth*

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin*

*Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in*

**Fourth Reading ~ Luke 2:6-7 Brenda Smith**

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**Choir Song ~ *“A Spiritual Christmas”***

**Fifth Reading ~ Luke 2:8-12 Jim Holden**

**Song ~ *“Joy to the World”* (#143, blue)**

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!*

*Let Earth receive her King*

*Let every heart prepare him room*

*And heaven and nature sing*

*And heaven and nature sing*

*And heaven, and heaven and nature sing*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!*

*Let all their songs employ*

*While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains*

*Repeat the sounding joy*

*Repeat the sounding joy*

*Repeat, repeat the sounding joy*

*He rules the world with truth and grace*

*And makes the nations prove*

*The glories of his righteousness*

*And wonders of his love*

*And wonders of his love*

*And wonders, wonders of his love*

**Sixth Reading ~ Luke 2:13-14 Lisa Hess**

**Song ~ *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* (#150, blue)**

*Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King*

*Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as flesh with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace. Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die
Born to raise us from the earth. Born to give us second birth
Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King*

**Seventh Reading ~ Luke 2:15 Jim West**

**Song ~ *“While Shepherd Watched Their Flocks”* ( #154 verses 1-4)**

*While shepherds watched their flocks by night all seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around*

 *and glory shone around*

*Fear not, said he for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, to you and all mankind
To you and all mankind*

*To you in David's town this day is born of David's line
The Savior who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign
And this shall be the sign*

*The heavenly Babe you there shall find, to human view displayed
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands and in a manger laid
And in a manger laid*

**Eighth Reading ~ Luke 2:16-19 Lisa Catapano-Friedman**

**Song ~ *“Adore”* led by the Worship team**

*You stepped down from heaven
Humbly You came*

*God of all creation ~ Here with us
In a starlit manger Emmanuel
Light of the world here to save*

***Chorus***

***Adore ~ Come let us adore
O come let us adore Him
The Lord ~ Worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore***

*Wise men bring their treasures
Shepherds bow low
Angel voices sing of peace on earth
What have I to offer to heaven's King
I will bring my life, my love, my all*

***Chorus***

*Angels sing praises ring to the newborn King
Peace on earth here with us joy awakening
At Your feet we fall*

*[Repeat]*

***Chorus***

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**Ninth Reading ~ Luke 2:20 Annie Crumb**

**Reflection ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons**

**Passing the Light ~**

**We form a circle around the sanctuary**

**and share the flame.**

**The unlit candle bends down**

**to receive the light from the lit candle.**



**Song by Candlelight ~ *“Silent Night”* led bythe Worship Team**

*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
Heav'nly 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*

*Silent night, holy night.*

*Wondrous star, lend thy light
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born!*

*Christ the Savior is born!*