

# *Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion*

**December 24, 2017**

**5:30 p.m. in the evening**

(Please silence all electronic devices to preserve the sacredness of the service.)

*“And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.”  
John 1:5 (KJV)*

## **Preludes**

“O Holy Night”	Adolpe Adam
“Noel on IRBY”	Larry Visser

**Call to Worship** “The People Who Walked In Darkness Have Seen a Great Light”

**Processional Carol No. 152** “Angels We Have Heard on High” GLORIA

## **Christmas Eve Greetings**

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath** The Richard Lowder Family

**Carol No. 147** “Away in a Manger” AWAY IN A MANGER

## **The Children’s Time**

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 40: 1-11

**Carol No. 170** “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” CAROL

## **Evening Prayer**

**The Offertory** “Silent Night” arr. David Cherwien

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 2: 1-16

**Carol No. 155** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” ST. LOUIS

## **Celebration of Christian Communion**

### **Sharing the Bread**

**Anthem** “In Bleak Midwinter” Gustav Holst

### **Sharing the Cup**

**Anthem** “Benedictus” Forrest

## **Darkness into Light**

### ***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!  
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!  
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,  
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.

***Let There Be Peace on Earth***

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be.

With God as our father  
Brothers all are we.  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment  
And live each moment  
With peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me.

**Musicians for Tonight's Service**

Beverly Khemlani, Organist  
Will Tate, Soloist

The Sanctuary Choir  
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