

December 24th, 2023
Christmas Eve
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *O' Holy Night*

Kathy Pagano

WELCOME

***HYMN: Angels We Have Heard on High**

#238

INTROIT: *Cool Night, Quiet Night*

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

***HYMN: Advent Song**

#2090 vs 5

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome tonight to a celebration like no other!

P: This is the night of the Holy Birth!

L: Let the love of Jesus be born in your hearts and spirits!

P: Open our hearts to receive this blessed gift, Loving God.

L: Rejoice, good friends, the Good News is here!

P: Christ our Savior is Born! Hallelujah! AMEN.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy God, in days of old you sent your angels to tell shepherds the good news: "To you is born this day a Savior, the Messiah, who is Christ." Help us hear with the shepherds this good news, that we too may glorify and praise you for all that we have seen, heard, tasted, and felt. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2-7 – A Great Light

BELL ANTHEM

Medley of Carols

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-35 – Jesus Birth Foretold

***HYMN:**

What Child is This

#219

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20 – The Birth of Jesus

CHOIR ANTHEM

Little Bitty Baby

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION – David Little

***HYMN:**

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

#224

OFFERTORY

#95

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

***DOXOLOGY**

SHARING OUR LIGHT WITH THE WORLD

As the candles are lit, we will join in singing *Silent Night* (#239) we will continue singing until all candles are lit and finish with the first verse.

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN:**

Joy to the World

#246

POSTLUDE

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
