

December 24th, 2021
Christmas Eve
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***HYMN: O Come, All Ye Faithful** #234

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**

Glorious God, you present us with the most precious of gifts, we praise you for all your blessings in our lives. Tonight, we have come to this place, in the midst of a busy time. We might not even have everything ready at home, yet we have come, because we need to ready ourselves. Work in our hearts this night, preparing us for your presence. Work in our lives that we may reach out to others in comfort and compassion; work in our world that the darkness that has encompassed it may be dispelled by the brightness of your love and your Gift. In faith and expectation, we pray. AMEN.

CHOIR ANTHEM

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2-7 – A Great Light
***HYMN:** **Angels We Have Heard on High** #238

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-35 – Jesus Birth Foretold
***HYMN:** **What Child is This** #219

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-20 – The Birth of Jesus
PIANO ANTHEM Joyful (arranged by Jim Brickman)

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION - Pastor Joel Holcomb
***HYMN:** **Good Christian Friends Rejoice** #224

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OUR LIGHT WITH THE WORLD

As the candles are being 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.*
