

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 24, 2020 5:00 & 7:00 pm

母 The Season of the Church Year: Christmas Eve

Surprising God, open our ears to hear this familiar story as if for the first time. Open our eyes to see the diverse cast gathered at the manger. Open our hearts to the power of Your love as revealed in this amazing story. Open our lives to the possibility of transformation, as we encounter once again God-With-Us, Emmanuel.

GATHERING CAROLS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Miss Reagan Zoch

We have gathered on this holy night to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

With family and friends we've come to worship and adore the Christ.

With Mary we will ponder these things in our hearts.

With Joseph we will give thanks to the Lord for God's faithful love.

Let us lift up our hearts in thanksgiving, for a child, the Child, has been born!

O come, let us adore Him-

The Child whose coming was announced by the prophets.

O come, let us adore Him-

The Child whose message was proclaimed by the angels.

O come, let us adore Him-

The Child whose glory was hailed by the shepherds.

O come, let us adore Him—Christ, the Lord!

+CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES
Vicky Overman, Claire Presley, and Jim Wiggins

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INVOCATION Mrs. Gretchen Zoch

SOLO O Holy Night Adolph Adam

Jim Wiggins, Soloist

 $X \times X$

EPISTLE LESSON Titus 2:11-14 Dr. Gilliam

HOMILY In Conclusion Dr. Gilliam

X X X

THE FIRST LESSON Luke 2:1-7 Mr. Justice Zoch

The Journey to Bethlehem

SOLO Welcome to Our World Chris Rice

Claire Presley, Soloist

 $X \times X$

THE SECOND LESSON Luke 2:8-16 Miss Zoch

The Angels' Announcement to the Shepherds

SOLO The First Noel arr. Don Chapman

Vicky Overman, Soloist

X X X

THE THIRD LESSON Luke 2:17-20 Mr. Zoch

The Shepherd's Departure

DUET Lo, How a Rose/The Rose arr. Craig H. Johnson

Anita Thompson & Brandon Zoch, Vocalists

 $X \times X$

THE FIFTH LESSON John 1:1-5, 14 Mrs. Zoch

The Word Made Flesh

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Rev. Anita Thompson

CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night Vicky Overman, Claire Presley, and Jim Wiggins

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+BENEDICTION Dr. Gilliam

+ORGAN POSTLUDE Joy to the World ANTIOCH

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

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