

# *Christ*

THE WORD...

THE LIGHT OF MEN...

SHINETH

IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 1:1-5



Service for the Lord's Day

December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve

7:00 PM

PRELUDE Noël Grand Jeu et Duo d'Aquin (1694-1772)  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INTROIT *On This Day Angels Sing* Personent Hodie arr. Holst (1874-1934)

Lighting of the Christmas Candle (*Adapted from Is. 9 & 64, II Pt. 3, Ps. 126, Rom. 16*)

Leader: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**People: In Christ, there is light and life for all people.**

Leader: We are the clay, Lord, and you are the potter.

**People: We are the work of your hand.**

Leader: God is not slow about his promise, but is patient.

**People: Together we wait for new heavens and a new earth.**

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us.

**People: Restore our fortunes, Lord.**

Leader: That which was kept secret is now disclosed.

**People: To God be the glory forever!**

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

**People: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

\*HYMN # 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High* Gloria

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25 p.783

INTERLUDE *O Holy Night* Adam (1803-1856)  
Celia Daggy, viola

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2: 1-7 P.832

HYMN # 115 *Away in a Manger* Mueller

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2: 8-14 p. 833

ANTHEM *In the Bleak Midwinter* Darke (1888-1976)  
Maximilian Daggy, baritone

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan;  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.  
Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:

In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.  
Enough for Him whom cherubim, worship night and day,  
A breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay,  
Enough for Him whom angels, fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel, which adore.  
What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Titus 2:11-14 p. 969

HOMILY *Mise en Place*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from, A Brief Statement of Faith, 1983*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,**

**whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**

**can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

HYMN #121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* St Louis

Leader: The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, upon them light has shined.

**People: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

HYMN #122 *Silent Night* Stille Nacht

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Noël Suisse* d'Aquin (1694-1772)

*\*Please stand if able*